

1629 La Vereda
Berkeley, California
94709

October 24th, 2004

Sherry M. Kelly
City Clerk,
City Council,
Berkeley, California

Subject: *Appeal of Decision of Zoning Adjustments Board
for Use Permit #02-20000125 – 1650 La Vereda
Road as stated in the Notice of Decision mailed
on 07-29-04*

To the City Council:

We would like to add our voices to others in other neighborhood in requesting that the ZAB consider our appeal of the decision that was reached regarding the building proposed at 1650 La Vereda.

Like our other neighbors, we tried, in good faith, to negotiate with a mediator about the proposed plans to build a large, two-story extension to a home that is currently under consideration for landmark status by the Landmarks Commission.

We also feel there was a lack of due process involved and that although we gathered for a mediation in good faith, the owner's representatives already knew of ZAB's decision and therefore had no desire to address the concerns of our community.

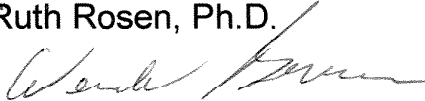
In addition, many of our neighbors were away on vacation, had just had surgery, or had urgent family emergencies and could not attend the hearing. As a result, we feel that ZAB did not hear the collective concerns of our neighborhood.

Our appeal is based on our concern to preserve the historical architectural nature of our neighborhood. We therefore ask that ZAB reconsider its decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth Rosen".

Ruth Rosen, Ph.D.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendel Brunner".

Wendel Brunner, Ph.D., M.D., M.P.H.