

LETTER FROM THE SELLER

6021 Valley View, Oakland

WHY WE LOVE THIS HOME

We moved into this house for the light and a feeling of being in the country – but still close to a town center.

It seems to always be bright even on a cloudy day. There have been many quiet sunny mornings on the patio or at the dining table looking out at the view.

On Saturday nights, friends often come by for dinner. A dinner for a party of 4 or 6 is easy to prepare in the fantastic galley kitchen; there's plenty of counter space and cupboards for storage.

It is very nice to stroll or take a run up and down the quiet streets and going up Valley View is one of most scenic. East Bay Regional Parks are just up the hill; my favorite is Sibley which is a 5 minute drive up the hill. If you have the stamina to go up the hill, you can ride your bike up to Skyline and ride some great roads in the Oakland Berkeley hills.

On work days you can drive or take a quick walk to down to Montclair to catch the AC Transbay Express V line to San Francisco, a bargain and no traffic hassles. You can grab a quick cup to go at Peet's, Starbucks and Noah's Bagels for breakfast.

The Montclair Branch of the Oakland Library is a quiet gem that is a great place to read and reserve those latest new books. Thornhill Elementary is ranked 10 out of 10 – one of the best in Oakland and California.

There are two major grocery stores and a weekend farmer's market which are never crowded and only a 10 minute walk or 3 minute drive. Also, four dry cleaners and the dentist.

Montclair has recently been found by "foodies" and is definitely on the scene with emerging and top end restaurants, and there is also pizza, sushi, burritos and Chinese takeout. Try the Sunday champagne brunch at Crogan's or join the crowd at Crogan's bar on Saturday nights to cheer on the Warriors.

You can play tennis on your own or in a competitive league at the Montclair Recreation Center, play soft ball and take the kids to the duck pond. The Montclair Golf Course and driving range is just across Highway 13.

We are not moving away, just moved up the hill to a bigger house with my wife. My best friends and memories will still be in Montclair.