

LETTER FROM THE SELLER

747 Mandana Blvd, Oakland

Dear potential buyer,

Having lived many years in the Carmel/Big Sur area I wondered if I could really live back in a “big city”, but when my husband and I needed to move to the Oakland area due to jobs, we were so happy to find 747 Mandana Blvd to rent! It gave me a feeling of serenity with the wide streets and beautiful Lakeshore open space and Plot B railway running along the back of the property and at the same time being in the heart of the city with cafes and shops just steps away. After renting for a few years, we were lucky to be able to purchase this beautiful home. We love the flow and the bones of this home and the many original features, such as the tiled fireplace, windows, trim and moldings and have made it a labor of love to do thoughtful upgrades and needed maintenance and repair.

We can't say enough how we love our neighborhood with it's cosmopolitan mix of neighbors – young and old alike. Pride of ownership shows in the many well kept homes. Crocker Highlands Elementary is our local school and is well liked.

We have enjoyed living so close to the many shops, café's and restaurants on Lakeshore and Grand Avenues. Lake Merritt and Downtown Oakland are just minutes away. This is a great area for the commuter with the Lake Merritt BART station and local highways all accessible within minutes.

My husband and I both love animals and wildlife and have had fun watching birds and other critters enjoy the sanctuary that is our back yard. (We are accredited as a Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation.)

We hope that you will come to love this house, neighborhood and all our animal visitors as much as we have.

Ali and Rick Vanzee