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Calistoga Planning Commission
City Hall
1232 Washington Street
Calistoga, CA 94515

Project Address:

**4 Arch Way
Calistoga, CA 94515
APN: 011-072-003-000**

RE: Variance request to build a swimming pool

Dear Commissioners,

My partner, Rebecca and I recently purchased 4 Arch Way. We fell in love with the house, size of the lot, tree lined street and location to town. We are very excited about our home and becoming part of the Calistoga community.

We looked for a very long time for the right property. 4 Arch has wonderful mature trees on all sides of the house, across from the high school with access to the track, spectacular views of Oat Hill from the backyard and sunshine all day long. The large flat unobstructed backyard is the ideal place for a pool. We have always wanted a pool, I swam in college and Rebecca grew up in San Diego, water is very important to us both. A pool will provide endless hours of enjoyment, great exercise and the quality of life we are looking for. Sitting on our backyard, we have imagined exactly how the pool and surrounding planting will look when finished.

We are requesting a variance to build a swimming pool 2' into the back property set back to avoid the sewer line easement.

After careful study of the yard and sun orientation, the original pool design was much longer and wider. Once we learned of the two existing sewer lines, we modified our design. The main sewer line runs through the center of our backyard east to west with a 10' easement. The second line runs south to north from the middle of the house to the main sewer line, meeting at the center point of the yard. I am a landscape architect and have designed numerous pools, in order to clear the sewer lines this is the only feasible option for the location of the pool. The placement of the sewer lines from the adjacent property runs under their house across our backyard therefore the necessity to move into the set back for a pool.

The variance to build the pool 2' into the back setback will still allow 4' of planting between the pool and back fence.

Thank you for your consideration,

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