

When we first started to hunt for our first home, our top priority was finding a calming retreat from our hectic work lives. We were first drawn in by 1617 Stanford's location: walking distance to the beach in a quiet neighborhood. While we were far enough from the foot traffic of the Strand and Hermosa Ave., we were close enough to grab a quick bite for dinner or sunbathe while watching beach volleyball. Some of our favorite times were spent running along the Strand and grabbing breakfast at Martha's or having a date night consisting of drinks at Ocean Bar followed by dinner at Frito Mistos and watching the lineup at the Comedy Club. The Southbay really feels like a small community.

As for the house, we were drawn in by the high vaulted ceilings and beautiful Brazilian Eucalyptus hardwood floors. We made several wonderful memories entertaining at home with friends and family. The large living space upstairs allowed for all of our guests to have a space to sit, stand, and mingle. Whether it be getting fresh air out on the front balcony, lounging on our sectional in the living room, sitting around the table in the dining room, or helping prepare snacks and drinks in the kitchen, the open lay-out provided an environment that was warm and welcoming. It was always a special time to have our large family over for holidays, birthdays, graduations, and retirement parties, even if our house was simply used to host!

We loved having large closets in the master bedroom that was able to hold our entire wardrobes. There was also ample space for our Boxer babies to lounge around our bed. We spent many mornings sipping coffee on the back balcony. The two rooms downstairs provided a private space when working from home as well as a nice quiet space for our guests staying the night. The back patio was a perfect for us, low maintenance, yet spacious enough for a patio set and grill. We spent our housewarming party barbecuing out back and toasting to many good memories over wine and champagne. Once settled in, we roasted marshmallows over our fire pit and enjoyed planting the garden.

The neighborhood itself is full of young families as well as couples who chose to retire in the Golden Triangle. The neighbors around 1617 Stanford are a friendly bunch who were always ready to lend a helping hand, such as running across the street to help us move a refrigerator up several stairs as well as bring by some bones for our pups "just because." We learned from our local friends that the schools in the area are excellent and are either walking distance or a short drive away.

1617 Stanford is in the perfect location, you will have wonderful neighbors, and it is "move-in ready" while giving you the chance to make it your own. We hope that whoever moves in enjoys it as much as we did!