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Inspection reference: 25029

## Confidential Inspection Report

16428 Estella Ave  
Cerritos CA 90703



Prepared for:  
**Adams**

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Sunday, February 9, 2025

Adams

Inspection Site



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Dear Adams:

At your request, a visual inspection of the above referenced property was conducted on . An earnest effort was made on your behalf to discover all visible defects, however, in the event of an oversight, maximum liability must be limited to the fee paid. The following is an opinion report, reflecting the visual conditions of the property at the time of the inspection only. Hidden or concealed defects cannot be included in this report. No warranty is either expressed or implied. This report is not an insurance policy, nor a warranty service.

**IMPORTANT:** The Summary is not the entire report. The complete report may include additional information of concern to the client. It is recommended that the client read the complete report. The entire Inspection Report, including the Standards of Practice, limitations and scope of Inspection, and Pre-Inspection Agreement must be carefully read to fully assess the findings of the inspection. This list is not intended to determine which items may need to be addressed per the contractual requirements of the sale of the property. Any areas of uncertainty regarding the contract should be clarified by consulting an attorney or real estate agent.

It is strongly recommended that you have appropriate licensed contractors evaluate each concern further and the entire system for additional concerns that may be outside our area of expertise or the scope of our inspection BEFORE the close of escrow. Please call our office for any clarifications or further questions.

## EXTERIOR

### Exterior:

#### *2.2 Fencing/ Gates:*

Block; No defects noted at fencing/ gates.

Gates; All gates leading to pools/ spas are required to have self-closing devices, installation is currently needed.

#### *2.4 Trim:*

Wood; Foam; The termite inspection report should be reviewed as deteriorated wood was visible at exterior trim ( such as fascia boards, rafter tails, starter boards, window and door casings). Licensed pest control company will

determine repair method and whether fumigation is necessary.

#### 2.5 Window Frames/ Screens:

Aluminum windows; Vinyl windows; The structure has non-tempered glass at window (front window above entry). This glass is common in older homes. Tempered glass is about four times stronger than "ordinary," or annealed, glass. And unlike annealed glass, which can shatter into jagged shards when broken, tempered glass fractures into small, relatively harmless pieces.

#### 2.6 Electrical Fixtures:

Flexible conduit run underground to front yard electrical outlets, use of rigid pipe (EMT) is used when buried.

Open electrical junction box in front eaves, install cover.

Secure electrical conduit to rear left yard electrical outlet (secure to wall).

#### 2.9 Hose Faucets:

Dripping hose faucets were noted at rear of this structure. A leaky hose and a leaky hose bib are not only annoyances; they can also waste quite a bit of water. They can be caused by several things (problem with the O rings, valve seats, washers, etc.). Maintenance is needed.

## ROOF & ATTIC

### Roof:

#### 3.3 Roof Comments:

**\*HOMEBUYER HIGHLIGHT\* TILE ROOFING-** The structure has a tile roof which comes with great benefits to a homeowner such as:

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**Choices:** Clay, concrete, and slate tiles come in a wide variety of colors and styles to match any home style, from Medieval to Contemporary European. Some styles even resemble traditional shingles or wood shakes.

Attic: Note: Materials are not tested for environmental hazards

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**\*HOMEBUYER HIGHLIGHT\* ATTIC INSULATION-** The structure's attic is well insulated. This can reduce heat transfer by 25% or more, preventing the summer sun from baking its way all the way down to your living room. Insulation, whether foam, fiberglass, or cellulose, provides a barrier against the transfer of heat in and out of your home. In winter, of course, insulation works to trap this heat inside your home. The primary benefit is reduction in energy costs, other benefits include extended service life of air conditioners and furnaces. Because the home's cooling and heating load is reduced by proper attic insulation, HVAC equipment runs fewer hours to maintain comfortable temperatures, incurring less wear and tear.

#### 3.10 Attic Comments:

Any electrical junctions (wire splicing) within reach of attic access opening are required to be in a proper box with a cover, contact licensed contractor for repair.

## GARAGE

### Garage:

#### *4.6 Fire Barrier Separation & Door:*

Fire wall separations are required between garages and living space as a fire barrier. The walls are required to be minimum 5/8 thickness and must extend from floor to roof sheathing. Walls must be solid and any materials passing through it must also be fire resistant. Doors through the fire wall are required to be fire rated and have self-closing devices.

Fire wall observations: **Fire door;** The fire door (door between garage and house) does not have the required self-closing device, installation needed.

#### *4.7 Garage Walls:*

Visible cosmetic wear and tear to garage wall finishes (discoloration, small holes, hairline cracking, etc.).

#### *4.8 Garage Ceiling:*

There is visible water staining on the garage ceiling, it appears to be old. Visible cosmetic wear and tear to garage ceiling finishes (discoloration, small holes, hairline cracking, etc.).

#### *4.12 Dryer Hook-ups:*

There is a gas line present for the dryer hook-up. Damaged dryer vent hood (right side exterior wall)

## HVAC

### Heating:

#### *5.4 Heating Comments:*

**\*HOMEBUYER HIGHLIGHT\* HEATING-** The heating system was operating properly at time of inspection with no visible defects. This is a great benefit to a home buyer as a properly functioning heating system is vital for a comfortable home. Check the filter(s) once a month and replace as necessary. Homes with pets or residents with asthma should check even more frequently. A rule of thumb is to check every month and change at least every three.

### Air Conditioning:

#### *5.10 Air Conditioner Comments:*

**\*HOMEBUYER HIGHLIGHT\* AIR CONDITIONING-** The air conditioning system was performing well at time of inspection. In the limited time span of a home inspection, the typical temperature differential is 8-20 degrees, with low end readings indicating the system may need maintenance in the near future. Readings for this system were in the high-end range. Most experts recommend a minimum of a yearly check-up to maintain optimum performance. The aspects which need to be taken care of are filters, coils, coil fins and compressors.

The coolant line at the compressor needs to be wrapped/ insulated. Insulating the suction line (larger pipe) is done for two reasons. First, it prevents condensation forming on the pipe. Condensation could drip from the pipe and cause damage to building materials, or create a slip hazard on the floor. The other reason to insulate the suction line, is to prevent the refrigerant in the line from picking up additional heat. The warmer the refrigerant is, the harder the compressor and condenser have to work. Minimizing the temperature of the refrigerant in the suction line, helps the condensing unit work more effectively.

### Required Detectors:

#### *5.14 Smoke Detector Comments:*

Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, in the hallways leading to the bedrooms, and on each level of your home, including the basement. Smoke alarms should be mounted on the ceiling 4" from the wall; wall mounts should be 4-12" from the ceiling. Do not install near draft areas (windows, vents.). Missing smoke detectors downstairs and upstairs bedrooms.

#### *5.15 Carbon Monoxide Detector Comments:*

As of July 1, 2011, it became state law in California for carbon monoxide detectors to be installed on each level of living space. CO detectors are only required for houses that have either an attached garage, fireplace or gas heater or appliance. Carbon monoxide detectors can get the best reading of your home's air when they are placed five feet from the ground. The structure is not currently compliant, installation of detectors is required downstairs.

## FOUNDATION & PLUMBING

### Foundation:

#### *6.2 Bolted/ Retrofitted:*

**\*HOMEBUYER HIGHLIGHT\* FOUNDATION BOLTED-** Foundation bolting typically means that bolts are added to improve the connections between the wooden framing members of a building and its concrete foundation. Usually this means adding bolts through the piece of wood that lies flat on top of the foundation, referred to as the sill or mudsill, into the concrete. Earthquake bolting became standard practice in Southern California in the 1930's. The visible portions of this structures bottom plate do show foundation bolts.

### Plumbing:

#### *6.7 Supply Piping Material:*

**\*HOMEBUYER HIGHLIGHT\* COPPER PLUMBING SUPPLY LINES-** This structure has copper supply lines for plumbing where visible. Copper is durable and naturally corrosion resistant. Copper piping has been the favored material for pipes for over 70 years. Copper piping is environmentally friendly and is also recyclable.

#### *6.9 Drain Line Materials:*

**\*HOMEBUYER HIGHLIGHT\* ABS DRAINS-** The visible portions of the plumbing drain lines consist of ABS. ABS pipe and fittings are made from a thermoplastic resin called Acrylonitrile-Butadiene-Styrene (ABS for short). ABS pipes are resistant to most acids, alkalis and salts. However, they are not resistant to aromatic and chlorinated hydrocarbons. This piping can be used above or below the ground, but ABS is more likely to deform when exposed to the sun and must be wrapped or painted if used in areas where exposed.

## ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

### Electrical Panels:

#### *7.3 Main Service Amperage:*

**\*HOMEBUYER HIGHLIGHT 200-AMP PANEL\*-** The main service panel is 200-amps. This is considered the most up to date panel for a structure of this size. Capacity is one of the biggest differences between 100 and 200 amp panels. The larger the panel, the more electrical current your home can receive from the city's power grid. This is important if you have a lot of electrical appliances in your home, like furnaces, car chargers and stoves. It also reduces the chance of overload thus creating a safer electrical system overall, one less prone to fires and short circuits.

#### *7.7 Room Available For Expansion:*

**\*HOMEBUYER HIGHLIGHT\* ROOM IN ELECTRICAL PANEL-** There is room available for in the electrical panel for expansion (addition of circuits).

#### *7.8 Wiring Type:*

Between approximately 1965 and 1975, single-strand (solid) aluminum wiring was sometimes substituted for copper branch-circuit wiring in residential electrical systems due to the sudden escalating price of copper. After a decade of use by homeowners and electricians, inherent weaknesses were discovered in the metal that led to its disuse as a branch wiring material. Aluminum can become defective faster than copper due to certain qualities inherent in the metal. Neglected connections in outlets, switches and light fixtures containing aluminum wiring can become dangerous over time. Poor connections cause wiring to overheat, creating a potential fire

hazard. Aluminum wiring should be evaluated by a qualified electrician who is experienced in evaluating and correcting aluminum wiring problems. Not all licensed electricians are properly trained to deal with defective aluminum wiring. The CPSC recommends the following two methods for correction for aluminum wiring:

1. Rewire the home with copper wire. While this is the most effective method, rewiring is expensive and impractical, in most cases.

2. Use copalum crimps. The crimp connector repair consists of attaching a piece of copper wire to the existing aluminum wire branch circuit with a specially designed metal sleeve and powered crimping tool. The sampled outlets showed the wires had been pigtailed, this was a common practice prior to the invention of copalum adapters to address aluminum wire issues by attaching a piece of copper wire to the aluminum, then attaching the copper to the fixture. This remains an acceptable form of adaptation. Not all outlets were inspected, look for wire nuts inside the junction as indicator they have been pigtailed.

## WATER HEATER

### Water Heater

#### *8.8 Water Heater Comments:*

**\*HOMEBUYER HIGHLIGHT\* NEWER WATER HEATER-** The structures water heater is less than ten years old and in good working condition. Most tank-type water heaters last 10 to 20 years, with the average age of replacement between 12 and 14 years; a tankless water heater lasts about 20 years.

## KITCHEN & LAUNDRY

### Kitchen:

#### *9.2 Doors/ Windows Comments:*

Missing screen(s) at kitchen window(s), repair to prevent pest intrusion.

## BATHROOMS

### Bathrooms:

#### *10.2 Bathroom #2 Location/ Comments:*

Upstairs Hall; The tub faucet is dripping, repair to prevent water loss. The reapplication of silicone caulking is common maintenance in bathrooms to prevent water penetration and damage, maintenance currently needed at the tub surround.

Installation of GFCI is required at bathroom outlet. A ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI), or Residual Current Device (RCD) is a circuit breaker. This safety device reduces the risk of electric shock. It shuts off an electric power circuit when it detects that current is flowing along an unintended path, such as through water or a person. These outlets are inexpensive and easily installed.

#### *10.3 Bathroom #3 Location/ Comments:*

Master; The shower mixer is not operating properly, repair or replace. The spa tub is inoperable. The tub temperature control knob is not operating properly. Torn screen at the bathroom window. The toilet handle sticks.

## LIVING AREAS

### Living Areas:

#### *11.3 Dining Room/ Area Comments:*

Missing screen door(s) in the dining area.

#### *11.5 Stairway Comments:*

The gaps at the stairway railings and/ or treads are larger than allowed by current building standards. The maximum distance between balusters or between a post and baluster, in the California building code, is 4 inches. The space between the finished floor and the bottom rail must not exceed 4 inches. In addition, the minimum balustrade height is 42 inches. Though replacement of railings are not required to transfer title of property, any newly installed railings must meet current standards.





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*11.6 Family Room Comments:*

Missing screen door(s) in the family room.

## **BEDROOMS**

Bedrooms:

*12.4 Bedroom #4 Location/ Comments:*

Rear Right; The bedroom closet is missing door(s), installation suggested.

## **POOL/ SPAS**

Pool/ Spa:

*13.1 Decking/ Coping:*

The silicone at the coping expansion joint needs to be periodically applied as pool maintenance. Caulking the expansion joint around the pool (between the pool coping and pool deck) is important to prevent water and debris from entering joint which may loosen the coping stones over time. The caulk used for pools should be an elastomeric sealant, suitable for outdoor use.

*13.7 Motors:*

The pool or spa motor is required to be electrically grounded for safety, most motors have a ground clamp attached for convenience. Contact a licensed contractor or pool technician for installation.

*13.10 Pool/ Spa Comments:*

California swimming pools and spas built or remodeled starting in 2018 must have a second safety feature to protect children from drowning. State law since 1998 has required new or remodeled pools and spas have at least one safety measure such as a fence, a cover or an alarm. Safety features that comply with the new law, as outlined in Senate Bill 442:

1. An enclosure that isolates the pool or spa from the home.
2. Removable mesh fencing with a gate that is self-closing and self-latching and can accommodate a key lockable device.
3. An approved safety pool cover
4. Exit alarms on the private single-family homes doors that provide direct access to the swimming pool or spa. The exit alarm may cause either an alarm noise or a verbal warning.
5. A self-closing, self-latching device with a release mechanism placed no lower than 54 inches above the floor on the private single-family homes doors providing direct access to the pool/ spa.
6. An alarm that, when placed in a swimming pool or spa, will sound upon detection of accidental or unauthorized entrance into the water.
7. Other means of protection, if the degree of protection afforded is equal to or greater than that afforded by any of the features set forth above and has been independently verified by an approved testing laboratory as meeting standards for those features established by the ASTM or the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). See California State website for details.

Other minor items are also noted in the entire inspection report and should receive eventual attention, but do not affect the habitability of the house and the majority are the result of normal wear and tear.

Thank you for selecting our firm to do your pre-purchase home inspection. If you have any questions regarding the inspection report or the home, please feel free to call us.

Sincerely,

Mark Kinder  
ThoroughSpec Home Inspections





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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Client & Site Information:

<b>1.1 Inspection Date:</b> 2-8-25.	<b>1.2 Client:</b> Adams	<b>1.3 Inspection Site:</b> 16428 Estella Ave Cerritos CA 90703.
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## Building Characteristics:

<b>1.4 Estimated Age:</b> The structure is 50-60 years old.	<b>1.5 Building Style &amp; Type:</b> Single Family Residence.	<b>1.6 Stories:</b> 2	<b>1.7 Inspector:</b> Mark Kinder Certification # NACHI06032194.
<b>1.8 Water Source:</b> Public.	<b>1.9 Sewage Disposal:</b> Public.	<b>1.10 Utilities Status:</b> All utilities on.	

## Climatic Conditions:

**1.11 Weather:**  
Overcast.

### REPORT LIMITATIONS

*This report is intended only as a general guide to help the client make his own evaluation of the overall condition of the home, and is not intended to reflect the value of the premises, nor make any representation as to the advisability of purchase. The report expresses the personal opinions of the inspector, based upon his visual impressions of the conditions that existed at the time of the inspection only. The inspection and report are not intended to be technically exhaustive, or to imply that every component was inspected, or that every possible defect was discovered. No disassembly of equipment, opening of walls, moving of furniture, appliances or stored items, or excavation was performed. All components and conditions which by the nature of their location are concealed, camouflaged or difficult to inspect are excluded from the report. The inspection is performed in compliance with generally accepted standard of practice, a copy of which is available upon request.*

*Systems and conditions which are not within the scope of the inspection include, but are not limited to: formaldehyde, lead paint, asbestos, toxic or flammable materials, and other environmental hazards; pest infestation, playground equipment, efficiency measurement of insulation or heating and cooling equipment, internal or underground drainage or plumbing, any systems which are shut down or otherwise secured; water wells (water quality and quantity) zoning ordinances; intercoms; security systems; heat sensors; cosmetics or building code conformity. Any general comments about these systems and conditions are informational only and do not represent an inspection.*

*The inspection report should not be construed as a compliance inspection of any governmental or non governmental codes or regulations. The report is not intended to be a warranty or guarantee of the present or future adequacy or performance of the structure, its systems, or their component parts. This report does not constitute any express or implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for use regarding the condition of the property and it should not be relied upon as such. Any opinions expressed regarding adequacy, capacity, or expected life of components are general estimates based on information about similar components and occasional wide variations are to be expected between such estimates and actual experience.*

*We certify that our inspectors have no interest, present or contemplated, in this property or its improvement and no involvement with tradespeople or benefits derived from any sales or improvements. To the best of our knowledge and belief, all statements and information in this report are true and correct.*

*Should any disagreement or dispute arise as a result of this inspection or report, it shall be decided by arbitration and shall be submitted for binding, non-appealable arbitration to the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its Construction Industry Arbitration Rules then obtaining, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise. In the event of a claim, the Client will allow the Inspection Company to inspect the claim prior to any repairs or waive the right to make the claim. Client agrees not to disturb or*



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*repair or have repaired anything which may constitute evidence relating to the complaint, except in the case of an emergency.*

## EXTERIOR

*This inspection is not intended to address or include any geological conditions or site stability information. We do not comment on coatings or cosmetic deficiencies and the wear and tear associated with the passage of time, which would be apparent to the average person. However, cracks in hard surfaces can imply the presence of expansive soils that can result in continuous movement, but this can only be confirmed by a geological evaluation of the soil. Any reference to grade is limited to only areas around the exterior of the exposed areas of foundation or exterior walls. We cannot determine drainage performance of the site or the condition of any underground piping, including subterranean drainage systems and municipal water and sewer service piping or septic systems. Decks and porches are often built close to the ground, where no viewing or access is possible. Any areas too low to enter or not accessible are excluded from the inspection. We do not evaluate any detached structures such as storage sheds and stables, nor mechanical or remotely controlled components such as driveway gates. We do not evaluate or move landscape components such as trees, shrubs, fountains, ponds, statuary, pottery, fire pits, patio fans, heat lamps, and decorative or low-voltage lighting. Any such mention of these items is informational only and not to be construed as inspected.*

### Exterior:

#### 2.1 Driveway/ Walkways:

Concrete; Common cracking visible at driveways and walkways.

#### 2.2 Fencing/ Gates:

Block; No defects noted at fencing/ gates.

Gates; All gates leading to pools/ spas are required to have self-closing devices, installation is currently needed.

#### 2.3 Siding:

Stucco; Wood; There are currently no defects noted at exterior siding, periodic maintenance (patch/ paint) will be needed.

#### 2.4 Trim:

Wood; Foam; The termite inspection report should be reviewed as deteriorated wood was visible at exterior trim ( such as fascia boards, rafter tails, starter boards, window and door casings). Licensed pest control company will determine repair method and whether fumigation is necessary.



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Aluminum windows; Vinyl windows; The structure has non-tempered glass at window (front window above entry). This glass is common in older homes. Tempered glass is about four times stronger than "ordinary," or annealed, glass. And unlike annealed glass, which can shatter into jagged shards when broken, tempered glass fractures into small, relatively harmless pieces.



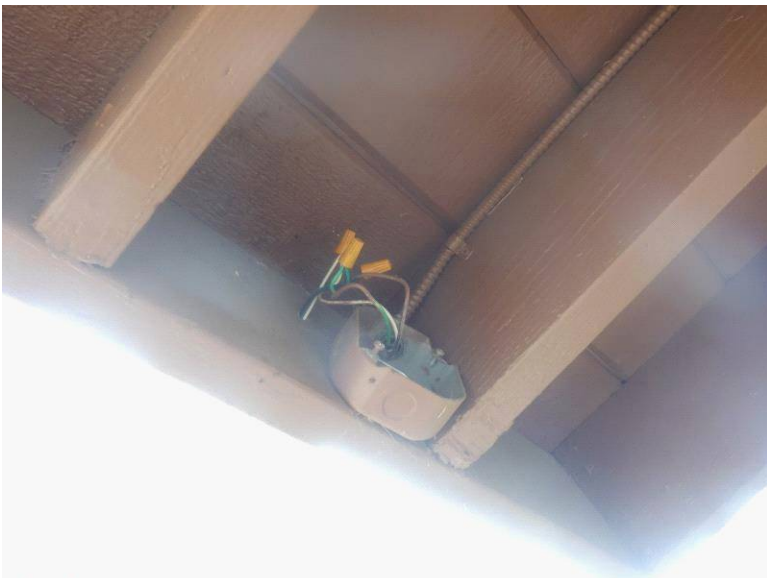
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**2.6 Electrical Fixtures:**

Flexible conduit run underground to front yard electrical outlets, use of rigid pipe (EMT) is used when buried.

Open electrical junction box in front eaves, install cover.

Secure electrical conduit to rear left yard electrical outlet (secure to wall).



Open box



Secure conduit to prevent breakage

**2.7 Gutters:**

Gutters control the flow of rainwater to protect your roof, walls, foundation and landscape. As there are no gutters on this structure, consulting a licensed contractor concerning installation is suggested.

**2.8 Sprinklers:**

Sprinklers systems are beyond the scope of this report.

**2.9 Hose Faucets:**

There are disconnected steel hose faucets on the lot, common when a structure has been re-piped. These faucets can either be left in place with no effect or removed for cosmetic purposes.

Dripping hose faucets were noted at rear of this structure. A leaky hose and a leaky hose bib are not only annoyances; they can also waste quite a bit of water. They can be caused by several things (problem with the O rings, valve seats, washers, etc.). Maintenance is needed.



Disconnected





Disconnected



Dripping faucet rear

**2.10 Lot Grading & Drainage:**

The structure is located on a flat to low slope lot. Grade at the foundation appears to be adequate. Ideally, soil should always slope away from the structure at a rate of over six inches per ten feet.

**2.11 Gas Meter:**

Gas meter located at right side of structure. The gas was on at time of inspection.



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Beyond the scope of this inspection:

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**2.12 Scope of inspection explained at [www.nachi.org](http://www.nachi.org)**

Solar systems (best measure of performance is review of owners electric bill);



Exterior Structure:

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**2.13 Structure Type:**

Patio.





**2.14 Structure Location:**

Located at the rear of the structure.



**Fire pit gas valve**

**2.15 Constructed Of:**

The patio consists of a concrete slab.

**2.16 Comments:**

Patio; No defects noted at this area.

## ROOF & ATTIC

*Although not required to, we generally attempt to evaluate various roof types by walking on their surfaces. If we are unable or unwilling to do this for any reason, we will indicate the method used to evaluate them. Every roof will wear differently relative to its age, number of layers, quality of material, method of application, exposure to weather conditions, and the regularity of its maintenance. We can only offer an opinion of the general quality and condition of the roofing material.*

*The inspector cannot and does not offer an opinion or warranty as to whether the roof leaks or may be subject to future leakage. The waterproof membrane beneath roofing materials is generally concealed and cannot be examined without removing the roof material. Although roof condition can be evaluated, it is virtually impossible for anyone to detect a leak except as it is occurring or by specific water tests, which are beyond the scope of our service. Even water stains on ceilings or on framing within attics will not necessarily confirm an active leak without some corroborative evidence, and such evidence can be deliberately concealed. We evaluate every roof conscientiously, and even attempt to approximate its age, but we will not predict its remaining life expectancy, or guarantee that it will not leak. Naturally, the sellers or the occupants of a residence will generally have the most intimate knowledge of the roof and of its history. Therefore, we recommend that you ask the sellers about it, and that you either include comprehensive roof coverage in your home insurance policy, or that you obtain a roof certification from an established local roofing company. We do not inspect attached accessories including by not limited to solar systems, antennae, and lightning arrestors.*

### Roof:

#### 3.1 Roof Sloping:

The structure has a pitched roof.



#### 3.2 Roof Material:

The structure has a tile roof; this roofing type has a typical useful life span of 50-60 years. Tile is one of the more expensive materials used for roofs. Although the traditional clay tile is probably the most well known tile material it is not the only one. Other materials that are used to create tile products are metal, concrete, slate, and various synthetic compositions.



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## Chimneys

### 3.4 Chimney Location:

The chimney is located at the rear of the structure.





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**3.5 Chimney Comments:**

The chimney does not have a spark arrester installed. A spark arrester (sometimes spark arrestor) is any device which prevents the emission of flammable debris from combustion sources, such as internal combustion engines, fireplaces, and wood burning stoves.





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Attic: Note: Materials are not tested for environmental hazards

**3.6 Attic Access Location:**

The access to the attic is located in the master bedroom closet.



**3.7 Sheathing Type:**

The roof sheathing consists of both wood slats (skip sheathing) and plywood, this usually indicates the original roofing material was wood shake and once removed, plywood was then installed.





### 3.8 Insulation:

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### 3.9 Ventilation:

The attic is adequately ventilated with screening in serviceable condition.

### 3.10 Attic Comments:

Any electrical junctions (wire splicing) within reach of attic access opening are required to be in a proper box with a cover, contact licensed contractor for repair.



Open junction box in attic

## GARAGE

*Determining the heat resistance rating of firewalls is beyond the scope of this inspection. Flammable materials should not be stored within closed garage areas. Garage door openings are not standard, so you may wish to measure the opening to ensure that there is sufficient clearance to accommodate your vehicles. It is not uncommon for moisture to penetrate garages, particularly with slabs on-grade construction, and this may be apparent in the form of efflorescence or salt crystal formations on the concrete. You may want to have any living space above the garage evaluated further by a structural engineer, as it may be seismically vulnerable.*

### Garage:

#### 4.1 Attached/ Detached Garage:

The garage is attached to the structure.

#### 4.2 Garage Slab:

Concrete; Common cracking visible at garage concrete slab.

#### 4.3 Overhead Door & Hardware:

Aluminum; No defects visible at the garage door.

#### 4.4 Garage Door Opener:

The garage door opener has an operable safety reverse device as required.



#### 4.5 Garage Man Door/ Windows:

No visible defects noted in this area.

#### 4.6 Fire Barrier Separation & Door:

Fire wall separations are required between garages and living space as a fire barrier. The walls are required to be minimum 5/8 thickness and must extend from floor to roof sheathing. Walls must be solid and any materials passing through it must also be fire resistant. Doors through the fire wall are required to be fire rated and have self-closing devices.

Fire wall observations: **Fire door**; The fire door (door between garage and house) does not have the required self-closing device, installation needed.

#### 4.7 Garage Walls:

Visible cosmetic wear and tear to garage wall finishes (discoloration, small holes, hairline cracking, etc.).

#### 4.8 Garage Ceiling:

There is visible water staining on the garage ceiling, it appears to be old. Visible cosmetic wear and tear to garage ceiling finishes (discoloration, small holes, hairline cracking, etc.).



**Damaged ceiling drywall**



**Old water stains**

**4.9 Garage Electrical:**

No visible defects at garage electrical fixtures.

**4.10 Laundry Tub:**

No defects visible at laundry tub.



**4.11 Washer Hook-ups:**

The washer hook-ups were operable when tested.



**4.12 Dryer Hook-ups:**

There is a gas line present for the dryer hook-up. Damaged dryer vent hood (right side exterior wall)





**Dryer gas line**



**Damaged dryer vent hood**

**4.13 Garage Comments:**

Excessive personal belongings limited the interior inspection of the garage.

## HVAC

*Please note that even modern heating systems can produce carbon monoxide, which in a poorly ventilated room can result in sickness and even death. Therefore, it is essential that any recommendations we make for service or further evaluation be scheduled before the close of escrow, because a specialist could reveal additional defects or recommend further upgrades that could affect your evaluation of the property, and our service does not include any form or warranty or guarantee. Normal service and maintenance is recommended on a yearly basis. Determining the presence of asbestos materials commonly used in heating systems can ONLY be performed by laboratory testing and is beyond the scope of this inspection. Determining the condition of oil tanks, whether exposed or buried, is beyond the scope of this inspection. Leaking oil tanks represent an environmental hazard which is sometimes costly to remedy.*

### Heating:

#### 5.1 Heating Type:

The structure is equipped with forced air heating. A forced hot air furnace draws the room air through duct work to a furnace, where the air is filtered and heated. The warmed air is then blown back into the rooms through other duct work. The systems duct work is usually metal wrapped in insulation to help keep in heat. In some cases, flexible duct work is preferred.





### 5.2 Heater Fuel Type

The heating system fuel is natural gas.



### 5.3 Heater Location:

The heater is located in the garage.

### 5.4 Heating Comments:

**\*HOMEBUYER HIGHLIGHT\* HEATING-** The heating system was operating properly at time of inspection with no visible defects. This is a great benefit to a home buyer as a properly functioning heating system is vital for a comfortable home. Check the filter(s) once a month and replace as necessary. Homes with pets or residents with asthma should check even more frequently. A rule of thumb is to check every month and change at least every three.

### 5.5 Thermostat Location:

The thermostat is located in the family room.



**5.6 Thermostat Comments:**

The thermostat operated properly when tested at time of inspection.

**Air Conditioning:**

**5.7 Air Conditioner Type:**

The structure has central cooling. This type of cooling system is used to cool the entire home, versus a window air conditioner that is used to cool a specific area or room of your home. The cooling compressor is set outside the home, separate from the fan unit used to blow the cool air throughout the home on the central air unit, unlike the window air conditioner that utilizes everything within one concealed unit. By using the existing heating/cooling ducts that encompass the entire home, the central air unit can cool the entire home evenly. Central air conditioners incorporate two different coils in order to cool your home.

The coil that is placed outside of your home is called the condensing coil. It consists of a compressor, condensing coil condenser fan, a grill to protect persons from coming into contact with the fan blade, a case built around all of the components, controls, and two refrigerant lines that run into the home to the evaporator coil. The refrigerant inside the compressor is pumped through the evaporator coil inside, which cools the air as the furnace fan blows air through the coil. The coil absorbs the heat from the air. Then the refrigerant flows back outside to the condenser coil and this is where the heat that was absorbed is released. At this point, the refrigerant is returned to a liquid form as it is cooled and the cycle of refrigerant flow continues.



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### 5.8 Air Conditioner Location:

The air conditioner compressor is located at the rear of the structure.



### 5.9 Air Conditioner Size:

5 Ton Compressor. Air conditioning tonnage has nothing to do with weight. A ton, as used in the HVAC field, is a term that describes how much heat the AC unit can remove from a home in one hour. The measurement for heat is the British thermal unit (BTU). One ton of air conditioning can remove 12,000 BTUs of air per hour. Typical sizing is 1 ton per approximately 500-600 square feet of living space.



### 5.10 Air Conditioner Comments:

**\*HOMEBUYER HIGHLIGHT\* AIR CONDITIONING-** The air conditioning system was performing well at time of inspection. In the limited time span of a home inspection, the typical temperature differential is 8-20 degrees, with low end readings indicating the system may need maintenance in the near future. Readings for this system were in the high-end range. Most experts recommend a minimum of a yearly check-up to maintain optimum performance. The aspects which need to be taken care of are filters, coils, coil fins and compressors.

The coolant line at the compressor needs to be wrapped/ insulated. Insulating the suction line (larger pipe) is done for two

reasons. First, it prevents condensation forming on the pipe. Condensation could drip from the pipe and cause damage to building materials, or create a slip hazard on the floor. The other reason to insulate the suction line, is to prevent the refrigerant in the line from picking up additional heat. The warmer the refrigerant is, the harder the compressor and condenser have to work. Minimizing the temperature of the refrigerant in the suction line, helps the condensing unit work more effectively.



## Fireplace:

### 5.11 Fireplace Type:

The fireplace is designed for both gas and wood burning.



### 5.12 Fireplace Location:

The fireplace is located in the family room.

### 5.13 Fireplace Comments:

The fireplace operated properly with no defects visible.

## Required Detectors:

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### 5.14 Smoke Detector Comments:

Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, in the hallways leading to the bedrooms, and on each level of your home, including the basement. Smoke alarms should be mounted on the ceiling 4" from the wall; wall mounts should be 4-12" from the ceiling. Do not install near draft areas (windows, vents.). Missing smoke detectors downstairs and upstairs bedrooms.

### 5.15 Carbon Monoxide Detector Comments:

As of July 1, 2011, it became state law in California for carbon monoxide detectors to be installed on each level of living space. CO detectors are only required for houses that have either an attached garage, fireplace or gas heater or appliance. Carbon monoxide detectors can get the best reading of your home's air when they are placed five feet from the ground. The structure is not currently compliant, installation of detectors is required downstairs.





## FOUNDATION & PLUMBING

All structures are dependent on the soil beneath them for support, but soils are not uniform. Some that appear to be firm and solid can become unstable during seismic activity or may expand with the influx of water, moving structures with relative ease and fracturing slabs and other hard surfaces. In accordance with our standards of practice, we identify foundation types and look for any evidence of structural deficiencies. However, minor cracks or deteriorated surfaces are common in many foundations and most do not represent a structural problem. If major cracks are present along with bowing, we routinely recommend further evaluation be made by a qualified structural engineer. All exterior grades should allow for surface and roof water to flow away from the foundation. All concrete floor slabs experience some degree of cracking due to shrinkage in the curing process. In most instances floor coverings prevent recognition of cracks or settlement in all but the most severe cases. Where carpeting and other floor coverings are installed, the materials and condition of the flooring underneath cannot be determined. Areas hidden from view by finished walls or stored items cannot be judged and are not a part of this inspection. We will certainly alert you to any suspicious cracks if they are clearly visible. However, we are not specialists, and in the absence of any major defects, we may not recommend that you consult with a foundation contractor, a structural engineer, or a geologist, but this should not deter you from seeking the opinion of any such expert. We also routinely recommend that inquiry be made with the seller about knowledge of any prior foundation or structural repairs.

### Foundation:

#### 6.1 Foundation Type:

Slab-on-grade or floating slab foundations are a structural engineering practice whereby the concrete slab that is to serve as the foundation for the structure is formed from a mold set into the ground. The concrete is then placed into the mold, leaving no space between the ground and the structure.

#### 6.2 Bolted/ Retrofitted:

**\*HOMEBUYER HIGHLIGHT\*FOUNDATION BOLTED-** Foundation bolting typically means that bolts are added to improve the connections between the wooden framing members of a building and its concrete foundation. Usually this means adding bolts through the piece of wood that lies flat on top of the foundation, referred to as the sill or mudsill, into the concrete. Earthquake bolting became standard practice in Southern California in the 1930's. The visible portions of this structures bottom plate do show foundation bolts.

#### 6.3 Foundation Comments:

There are no visible defects noted at foundation. This is important as the strength of a building lies in its foundation. The main purpose of the foundation is to hold the structure above it and keep it upright. Chipping and hairline cracking is common with concrete foundations and not considered repair needs.

### Plumbing:

#### 6.4 Location of Water Main Valve:

The main water shut off valve is located at the front of the structure.





**The main water shut off valve**

#### 6.5 Main Line Piping Materials:

The main line piping is galvanized. Galvanized pipes are steel pipes that have been dipped in a protective zinc coating to prevent corrosion and rust. Galvanized water supply pipes were the most common method of providing water in homes from the early 1900's until the early 1950's. While there are a lot of factors that can contribute to how long these pipes will last, it is generally recognized that these pipes have a life expectancy of 50-60 years.

#### 6.6 Main Line Comments:

Residential water pressure tends to range between 45 and 80 psi (pounds per square inch). Anything below 40 psi is considered low and anything below 30 psi is considered too low; the minimum pressure required by most codes is 20 psi. Pressures above 80 psi are too high. High water pressure carries with it a significantly increased risk of damage to pipes, joints, fixtures and seals - not to mention increased water waste. Water pressure (PSI) taken at main at time of inspection was between 45 and 80 as needed.

#### 6.7 Supply Piping Material:

**\*HOMEBUYER HIGHLIGHT\* COPPER PLUMBING SUPPLY LINES-** This structure has copper supply lines for plumbing where visible. Copper is durable and naturally corrosion resistant. Copper piping has been the favored material for pipes for over 70 years. Copper piping is environmentally friendly and is also recyclable.



#### 6.8 Supply Piping Comments:

No visible defects noted at plumbing supply line piping. Water volume was adequate at plumbing fixtures when tested unless otherwise noted in the report. See kitchen and bathroom comments also.

#### 6.9 Drain Line Materials:

**\*HOMEBUYER HIGHLIGHT\* ABS DRAINS-** The visible portions of the plumbing drain lines consist of ABS. ABS pipe and fittings are made from a thermoplastic resin called Acrylonitrile-Butadiene-Styrene (ABS for short). ABS pipes are resistant to most acids, alkalis and salts. However, they are not resistant to aromatic and chlorinated hydrocarbons. This piping can be used above or below the ground, but ABS is more likely to deform when exposed to the sun and must be wrapped or painted if used in areas where exposed.



#### 6.10 Drain Line Comments:

No defects were visible at system drain lines, drainage adequate when tested.



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**6.11 California water saving fixture law:**

California law requires installation of water conserving plumbing fixtures if you own a single-family home, and it is built before 1994, whether or not it is being sold.

Non-compliant fixtures are required to be replaced.

A non-complaint plumbing fixture is any of the following:

Any toilet manufactured that uses more than 1.6 gallons of water per flush,

Any showerhead manufactured to have a flow capacity of more than 2.5 gallons of water per minute,

Any interior faucet that emits more than 2.2 gallons of water per minute,

Any urinal manufactured to use more than one gallon of water per flush.

**6.12 General Plumbing Comments:**

The inspection of the plumbing system (supply and drain piping) is greatly limited with a slab on grade foundation. Very little of the piping is exposed for observation generally limited to the main line above ground and supply line stubs below sinks and at toilets.

## ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

*We are not electricians and in accordance with the standards of practice we only test a representative number of switches and outlets and do not perform load-calculations to determine if the supply meets the demand. However, every electrical deficiency or recommended upgrade should be regarded as a latent hazard that should be serviced as soon as possible, along with evaluation and certification of the entire system as safe by a licensed contractor. Therefore, it is essential that any recommendations that we may make for service or upgrades should be completed before the close of escrow, because an electrician could reveal additional deficiencies or recommend additional upgrades for which we disclaim any responsibility. Any electrical repairs or upgrades should be made by a licensed electrician. Aluminum wiring requires periodic inspection and maintenance by a licensed electrician. Smoke Alarms should be installed within 15 feet of all bedroom doors, and tested regularly.*

*Operation of time clock motors is not verified. Inoperative light fixtures often lack bulbs or have dead bulbs installed. The inspector is not required to insert any tool, probe, or testing device inside the panels, test or operate any over-current device except for ground fault interrupters, nor dismantle any electrical device or control other than to remove the covers of the main and auxiliary distribution panels. Any ancillary wiring or system that is not part of the primary electrical distribution system is not part of this inspection but may be mentioned for informational purposes only, including but not limited to low voltage systems, security system devices, heat detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, telephone, security, cable TV, intercoms, and built in vacuum equipment.*

### Panel Locations:

#### 7.1 Main Panel Location:

The main electrical panel is located at the rear of the structure. An Electrical Service Panel, also known as a load center, service panel, breaker box or electrical panel, is a steel box that holds multiple circuit breakers wired to circuits that distribute power throughout your home.



#### 7.2 Sub-Panel Location(s):

Sub-panel located at the air conditioner (serves as the required disconnect)

There is an electrical sub-panel located at the pool equipment. An electrical sub-panel, also known as a service subpanel or circuit breaker subpanel, acts as a waypoint between the main service panel and branch circuits further down the line. In essence, an electrical subpanel can be thought of as a mini service panel.





## Electrical Panels:

### 7.3 Main Service Amperage:

**\*HOMEBUYER HIGHLIGHT 200-AMP PANEL\***- The main service panel is 200-amps. This is considered the most up to date panel for a structure of this size. Capacity is one of the biggest differences between 100 and 200 amp panels. The larger the panel, the more electrical current your home can receive from the city's power grid. This is important if you have a lot of electrical appliances in your home, like furnaces, car chargers and stoves. It also reduces the chance of overload thus creating a safer electrical system overall, one less prone to fires and short circuits.

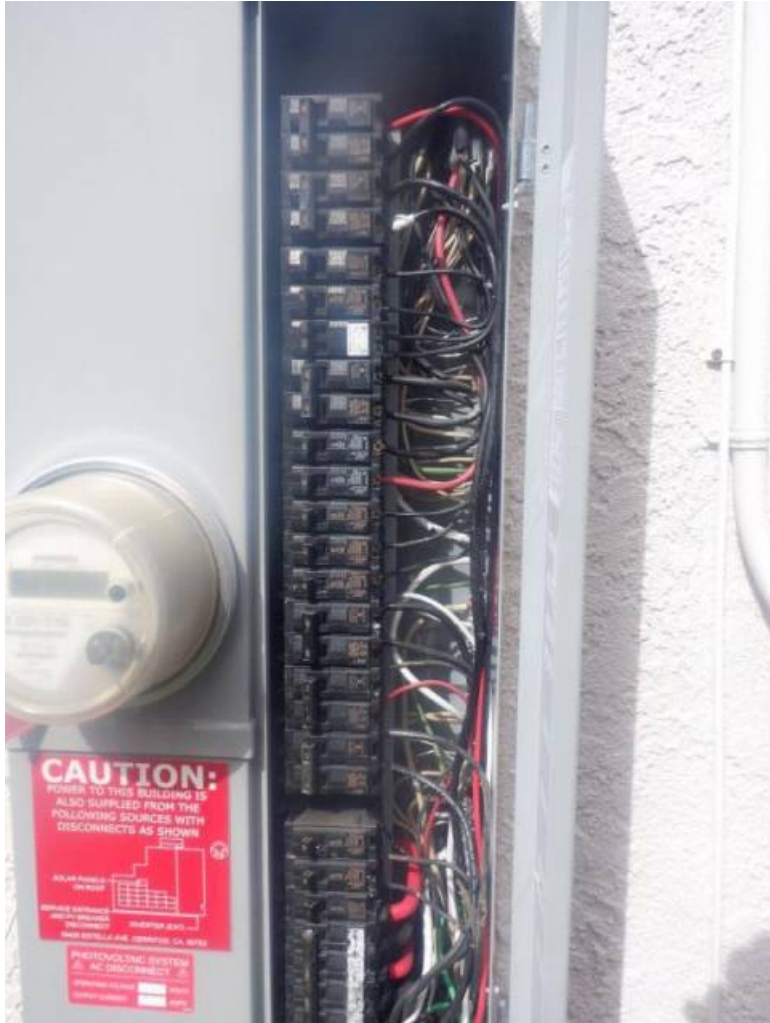


### 7.4 Service Entrance:

The service lines enter the structure from underground.

### 7.5 Overload Protection Provided By:

Every electric circuit in a wiring system must be protected against overloads. A circuit overload occurs when the amount of current flowing through the circuit exceeds the rating of the protective devices. The overload protection is provided by breakers.



**7.6 Main Disconnect Provided:**  
There is a main breaker provided for quick disconnect of all circuits.



#### 7.7 Room Available For Expansion:

**\*HOMEBUYER HIGHLIGHT\*** ROOM IN ELECTRICAL PANEL- There is room available for in the electrical panel for expansion (addition of circuits).



One knockout

#### 7.8 Wiring Type:

Between approximately 1965 and 1975, single-strand (solid) aluminum wiring was sometimes substituted for copper branch-circuit wiring in residential electrical systems due to the sudden escalating price of copper. After a decade of use by homeowners and electricians, inherent weaknesses were discovered in the metal that lead to its disuse as a branch wiring material. Aluminum can become defective faster than copper due to certain qualities inherent in the metal. Neglected connections in outlets, switches and light fixtures containing aluminum wiring can become dangerous over time. Poor connections cause wiring to overheat, creating a potential fire hazard. Aluminum wiring should be evaluated by a qualified electrician who is experienced in evaluating and correcting aluminum wiring problems. Not all licensed electricians are properly trained to deal with defective aluminum wiring. The CPSC recommends the following two methods for correction for aluminum wiring:

1. Rewire the home with copper wire. While this is the most effective method, rewiring is expensive and impractical, in most cases.

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2. Use copalum crimps. The crimp connector repair consists of attaching a piece of copper wire to the existing aluminum wire branch circuit with a specially designed metal sleeve and powered crimping tool. The sampled outlets showed the wires had been pigtailed, this was a common practice prior to the invention of copalum adapters to address aluminum wire issues by attaching a piece of copper wire to the aluminum, then attaching the copper to the fixture. This remains an acceptable form of adaptation. Not all outlets were inspected, look for wire nuts inside the junction as indicator they have been pigtailed.





## WATER HEATER

### Water Heater

#### 8.1 Water Heater Size:

The water heater tank is 50 gallons.



#### 8.2 Water Heater Fuel Type:

The water heater is natural gas burning.

#### 8.3 Water Heater Location:

The water heater is located in the garage.

#### 8.4 Cold Water Shut Off Valve:

The water heater cold water line has the required water shut off valve. This valve allows water to be shut off to the water heater for replacement or repairs without shutting water off to the entire structure. The effectiveness of a valve cannot be determined during a visual home inspection.





#### 8.5 Pressure Relief Valve/ Discharge Line:

Temperature/pressure-relief or TPR valves are safety devices installed on water heating appliances, such as boilers and domestic water supply heaters. TPRs are designed to automatically release water in the event that pressure or temperature in the water tank exceeds safe levels. The pressure relief valve is intact with the required discharge piping.



#### 8.6 Earthquake Strapping:

Earthquake strapping of water heaters is required in California residences. The water heater is properly earthquake strapped.



**8.7 Venting:**

The water heater vent is in serviceable condition, no defects noted.



**8.8 Water Heater Comments:**

**\*HOMEBUYER HIGHLIGHT\* NEWER WATER HEATER-** The structures water heater is less than ten years old and in good working condition. Most tank-type water heaters last 10 to 20 years, with the average age of replacement between 12 and 14 years; a tankless water heater lasts about 20 years.

## KITCHEN & LAUNDRY

### Kitchen:

#### 9.1 Floors/Walls/ Ceiling Comments:

No defects noted at kitchen floors, walls or ceilings. Common wear and tear and cosmetic defects are not addressed in this structural report.

#### 9.2 Doors/ Windows Comments:

Missing screen(s) at kitchen window(s), repair to prevent pest intrusion.

#### 9.3 Cabinetry/ Countertops Comments:

No defects noted at kitchen cabinetry.



#### 9.4 Electrical Comments:

No defects were noted at kitchen electrical fixtures.

#### 9.5 Sinks & Faucets Comments:

No defects noted at kitchen sink or faucet.

#### 9.6 Traps/ Valves/ Drains Comments:

No defects noted at sink traps/ valves/ drains.

#### 9.7 Garbage Disposal Comments:

The garbage disposal operated properly with no visible defects.



**9.8 Dishwasher Comments:**

The dishwasher operated properly.



**9.9 Oven/ Cooktop Type:**

The cooktop is gas burning; The oven is gas burning.



**9.10 Oven/ Cooktop Comments:**

No defects noted at cooktop or oven.

**9.11 Exhaust Fan Comments:**

No defects noted at exhaust fan.



**9.12 Microwave Comments:**

There is no attached (built-in) microwave in the kitchen.

**9.13 Trash Compactor Comments:**

The kitchen does not have a garbage compactor.

**9.14 Refrigerator Comments:**

The ice maker line was operable when tested.





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## BATHROOMS

### Bathrooms:

#### 10.1 Bathroom Location/ Comments:

Downstairs; There is a GFCI outlet installed in the bathroom as required at wet location areas. A ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI), or Residual Current Device (RCD) is a circuit breaker. This safety device reduces the risk of electric shock. It shuts off an electric power circuit when it detects that current is flowing along an unintended path, such as through water or a person. No visible defects in this bathroom.

#### 10.2 Bathroom #2 Location/ Comments:

Upstairs Hall; The tub faucet is dripping, repair to prevent water loss. The reapplication of silicone caulking is common maintenance in bathrooms to prevent water penetration and damage, maintenance currently needed at the tub surround.

Installation of GFCI is required at bathroom outlet. A ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI), or Residual Current Device (RCD) is a circuit breaker. This safety device reduces the risk of electric shock. It shuts off an electric power circuit when it detects that current is flowing along an unintended path, such as through water or a person. These outlets are inexpensive and easily installed.



Apply silicone around tub

#### 10.3 Bathroom #3 Location/ Comments:

Master; The shower mixer is not operating properly, repair or replace. The spa tub is inoperable. The tub temperature control knob is not operating properly. Torn screen at the bathroom window. The toilet handle sticks.



Mixer not operating properly



Spa tub inoperable



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## LIVING AREAS

*Our inspection of living space includes the visually accessible areas of walls, floors, cabinets and closets, and the testing of a representative number of windows and doors, switches and outlets. We do not evaluate window treatments, move furnishings or possessions, lift carpets or rugs, empty closets or cabinets, nor comment on cosmetic deficiencies. We may not comment on cracks that appear around windows and doors, along lines of framing members or along seams of drywall and plasterboard. These are typically caused by minor movement, such as wood shrinkage, common settling, and seismic activity, and will often reappear if they are not correctly repaired. Such cracks can become the subject of disputes, and are therefore best evaluated by a specialist. Floor covering damage or stains may be hidden by furniture, and the condition of floors underlying floor coverings is not inspected. Determining the condition of insulated glass windows is not always possible due to temperature, weather and lighting conditions. Check with owners for further information. All fireplaces should be cleaned and inspected on a regular basis to make sure that no cracks have developed. Large fires in the firebox can overheat the firebox and flue liners, sometimes resulting in internal damage. Testing, identifying, or identifying the source of environmental pollutants or odors (including but not limited to lead, mold, allergens, odors from household pets and cigarette smoke) is beyond the scope of our service, but can become equally contentious or difficult to eradicate. We recommend you carefully determine and schedule whatever remedial services may be deemed advisable or necessary before the close of escrow.*

### Living Areas:

#### 11.1 Entry Way Comments:

No Defects Noted.

#### 11.2 Living Room Comments:

No Defects Noted.

#### 11.3 Dining Room/ Area Comments:

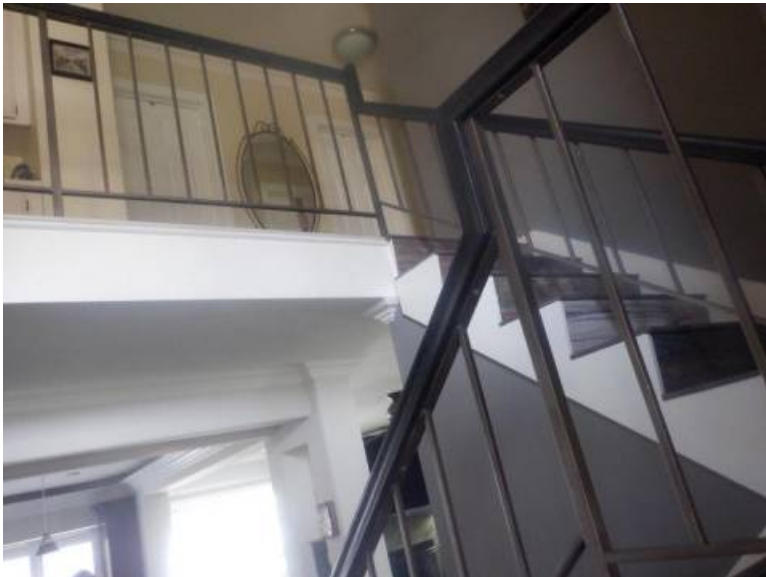
Missing screen door(s) in the dining area.

#### 11.4 Hallway Comments:

No Defects Noted.

#### 11.5 Stairway Comments:

The gaps at the stairway railings and/ or treads are larger than allowed by current building standards. The maximum distance between balusters or between a post and baluster, in the California building code, is 4 inches. The space between the finished floor and the bottom rail must not exceed 4 inches. In addition, the minimum balustrade height is 42 inches. Though replacement of railings are not required to transfer title of property, any newly installed railings must meet current standards.







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**11.6 Family Room Comments:**

Missing screen door(s) in the family room.



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<h2>BEDROOMS</h2>
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**Bedrooms:**

**12.1 Bedroom #1 Location/ Comments:**

Master; No defects noted in this bedroom.

**12.2 Bedroom #2 Location/ Comments:**

Rear Left; No defects noted in this bedroom.

**12.3 Bedroom #3 Location/ Comments:**

Front Left; No defects noted in this bedroom.

**12.4 Bedroom #4 Location/ Comments:**

Rear Right; The bedroom closet is missing door(s), installation suggested.

## POOL/ SPAS

### Pool/ Spa:

#### 13.1 Decking/ Coping:

Concrete; Common cracking was visible to pool surround (walkways), typical of area and age of masonry.

The silicone at the coping expansion joint needs to be periodically applied as pool maintenance. Caulking the expansion joint around the pool (between the pool coping and pool deck) is important to prevent water and debris from entering joint which may loosen the coping stones over time. The caulk used for pools should be an elastomeric sealant, suitable for outdoor use.



#### 13.2 Tile:

No visible defects at pool/ spa tile.

### 13.3 Electrical:

Should any component of the pool lighting system fail, the main defense against potentially lethal shock is the Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI). This device senses when electric current is going through an unintended path (such as a person) and quickly shuts off power before fatal current can be delivered. The GFCI protection was operable when tested at time of inspection. To ensure safety, the GFCI must be tested periodically (press the test and reset buttons).

### 13.4 Heater:

The heater uses natural gas for fuel; The heater was operating when tested at time of inspection, seasonal maintenance is suggested to extend useful life.



### 13.5 Filter:

DE Filter; DE filters use diatomaceous earth as a filter media. The DE filter has plastic grids covered with a plastic type of fabric. A layer of filter powder called Diatomaceous Earth covers the grids and does the filtering. As the water passes through the filter powder, any debris down to 5-8 microns is filtered out. Because the DE is much finer than sand, it is able to filter much more finely than a sand filter. DE powder needs to be added every time you vacuum and then backwashed afterwards. No visible defects noted at filter at time of inspection.



**13.6 Pumps:**

The heart of your circulation system, your pool pump pulls water from one or more suction ports (skimmers and main drain), and pushes it through the filtering, heating and sanitizing equipment, and back to the pool through the wall or floor returns, pressure cleaners or water features. Pool pump motors typically last about 8-10 years before needing either rebuilding or replacing. Noisy, screeching front and/ or rear bearings will let you know when you need to do something. No visible defects noted at pump(s).

**13.7 Motors:**

The pool or spa motor is required to be electrically grounded for safety, most motors have a ground clamp attached for convenience. Contact a licensed contractor or pool technician for installation.



**Grounding is needed**

**13.8 Blower:**

The blower was operating properly when tested. A hot tub blower is a unit that uses a fan to create air flow and then channels that air through the jets in a hot tub or spa. It is sometimes referred to as an air pump or a bubbler because it creates bubbling in the water (different from a hot tub jet).



**13.9 Time Clock:**

The time clock/ Box was operable when tested at time of inspection. A pool timer connects to one or more pool pumps which activate at the desired time of day, such as in the evening when no one is swimming. The pool timer is wired to a pool pump. While electrical signals are used to command the pool pump, the pool timer is mostly mechanical.

**13.10 Pool/ Spa Comments:**

California swimming pools and spas built or remodeled starting in 2018 must have a second safety feature to protect children from drowning. State law since 1998 has required new or remodeled pools and spas have at least one safety measure such as a fence, a cover or an alarm. Safety features that comply with the new law, as outlined in Senate Bill 442:

1. An enclosure that isolates the pool or spa from the home.
2. Removable mesh fencing with a gate that is self-closing and self-latching and can accommodate a key lockable device.
3. An approved safety pool cover
4. Exit alarms on the private single-family homes doors that provide direct access to the swimming pool or spa. The exit alarm may cause either an alarm noise or a verbal warning.
5. A self-closing, self-latching device with a release mechanism placed no lower than 54 inches above the floor on the private single-family homes doors providing direct access to the pool/ spa.

- 6. An alarm that, when placed in a swimming pool or spa, will sound upon detection of accidental or unauthorized entrance into the water.
  - 7. Other means of protection, if the degree of protection afforded is equal to or greater than that afforded by any of the features set forth above and has been independently verified by an approved testing laboratory as meeting standards for those features established by the ASTM or the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME).
- See California State website for details.

