

On the Market May 2026

500 E Lindsey Drive

Historic, Iconic Racquet Club Estates

Palm Springs

Located in Racquet Club Estates, this Alexander home is in one of the premier neighborhoods in Palm Springs. Rich with history, over 2,000 homes were built in the midcentury modern style. These iconic Alexander homes have been welcoming regular people and Hollywood stars to the desert since the 1950s. Doc from Gunsmoke, and Bobby Darrin and Sandra Dee owned homes right down the street. Several stars still rent or own in the neighborhood.

We have done extensive work to renovate the home for modern living while retaining many of the original midcentury modern features of this 1959 home.

The main living areas are awash in light and are bright and cheerful, all designed for easy outdoor indoor living. The home is well-appointed with Mid-Century furniture and decor, with only a few pieces excluded from the sale.



The oversized enclosed back yard is a true oasis with a new saltwater pool and spa and lush desert vegetation - all totally private - everything needed to take in the Palm Springs sun and warmth with spectacular views of the San Jacinto mountains and amazing star gazing. Ample chaise lounges, shade umbrellas, dining al fresco under the pergola, and seating by the fire make for the perfect retreat.

This MCM home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, a large kitchen, dining room and two living areas. The bathrooms were recently updated while retaining their original 1959 footprint. The original 1,225 square foot Alexander footprint was enlarged many years ago enclosing the breezeway and original carport to house a kitchen and dining room, now giving it over 1,900 square feet of interior living space. The oversized living space is bright with two separate but connected seating areas. The living areas, kitchen and dining areas are all open to the amazing pool and mountain views.

It's all just minutes from downtown- with all its shops, boutiques, galleries, a wonderful art museum, casino, convention center, and entertainment. The aerial tram is nearby and the Palm Springs Air Museum makes an interesting visit to see some vintage aircraft. The area offers many local hikes, including Indian Canyon Lands and Tahquitz Canyon with Joshua Tree National Park less than an hour away.

We have taken great care of this historic home. From the facade to the appliances, this home is truly turnkey.

We chose the décor specifically to reflect the midcentury modern history of the home. Yet we chose period pieces that are also comfortable for today's living.

We have maintained an active and aggressive schedule of making sure this home is in top shape.

Here are the changes!

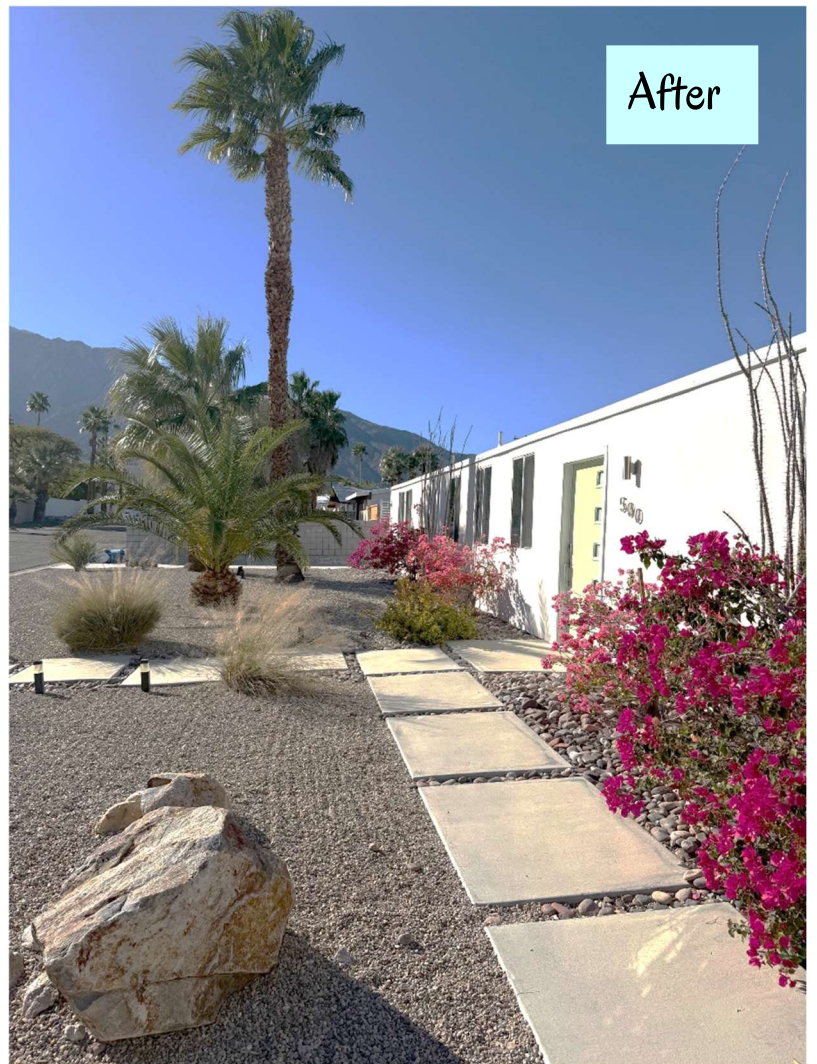
Before we moved in in 2017, we had the plumbing updated, replaced the HVAC system with a variable speed heating and cooling (quieter) one, replaced the water heater with an efficient tankless water heater, buried the electric line that crossed the backyard, installed all new solid core exterior doors, and added a full capacity washer and dryer.



In 2023, we had a new roof installed and modified to improve drainage.

In 2024, we had the south (front) and west facades re-stucco-ed.

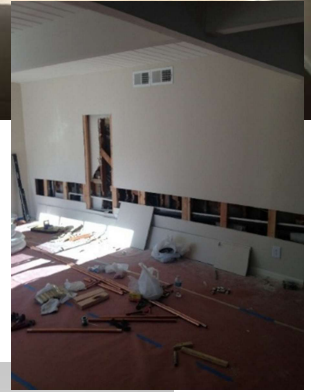
In 2025, we had a water softening device added to the water supply line.





Before

When we first saw the house, it had potential but we found it dark and a bit dreary. It did not take advantage of the Palm Springs sunshine or the mountain views.



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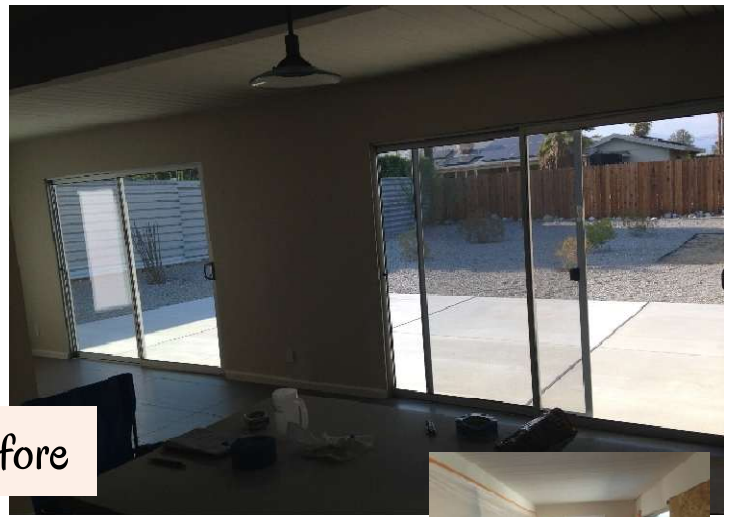


We painted every surface - inside and outside - and re-caulked all the tongue and groove ceiling.

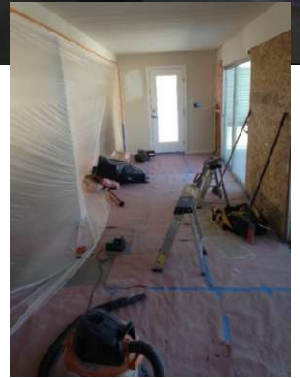
In 2023, we repainted all the interior surfaces.



Before



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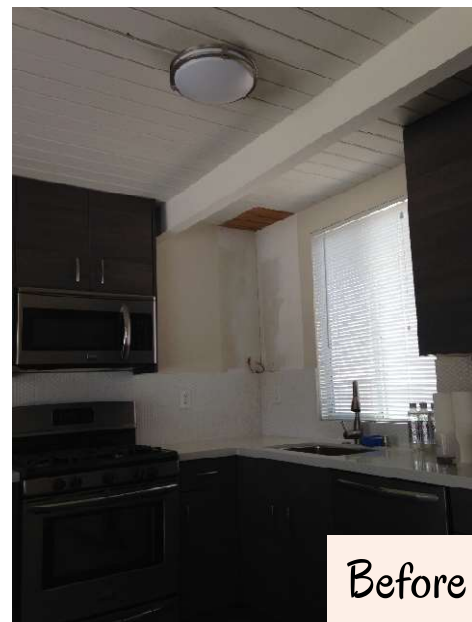


The biggest change inside was adding several floor-to-ceiling windows all that overlook the backyard, bringing in amazing light day. All the windows are polarized to protect inside furniture and art from fading and they all meet current California energy efficiency standards. Adding the large windows made a remarkable difference inside and out.

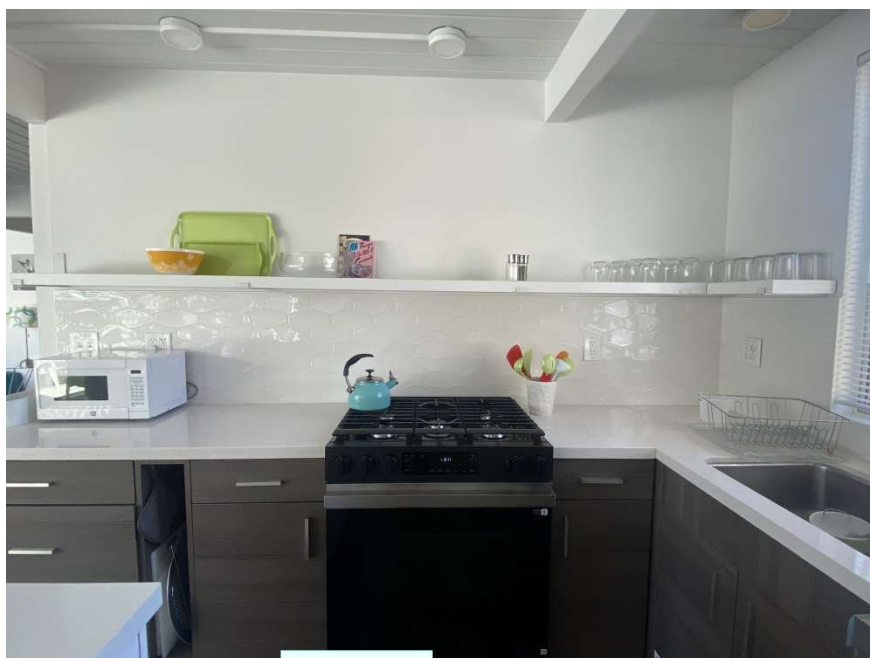
In 2018, we removed the upper cabinets and updated the lighting to open up the otherwise very dark kitchen.

Our 2022 remodel replaced the peninsula with a large island that really opened up the kitchen.

We had the backsplash retiled - our tiling team did a perfect job, check out the corner! We chose a modern mid-century tile with clean lines and added a solid, full length shelf for cooking and handy access storage.



Before



After

In 2025, we replaced the dishwasher with a super quiet one and also upgraded the range and refrigerator.

We replaced the washer and dryer in 2025 with a full capacity, efficient wash tower.



We relocated the dining room that was by the entry, dark, and cut off from the kitchen which gave a more inviting second living room near the entry.



Before



We changed all the window coverings when we moved in to brightened the space and welcome in the light and the view!

In 2018, we moved the upper kitchen cabinets to the relocated dining room to create a buffet and storage.



After

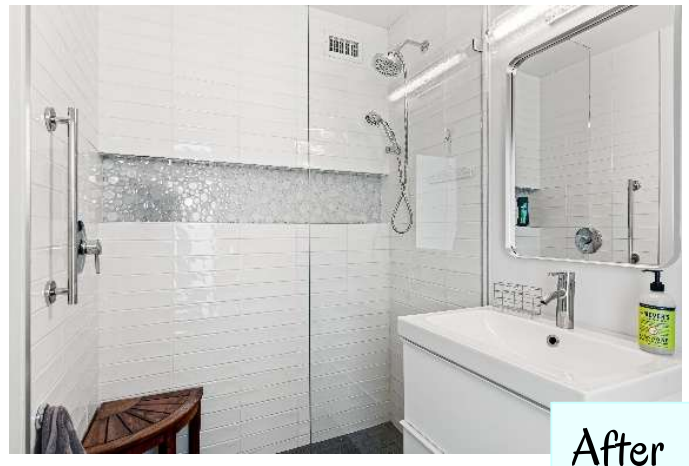


The switch in the location of the dining room was perfect. It makes much more sense to have dining room and kitchen connected. To help with that connection, we also opened up half of the wall between the kitchen and new dining room, bringing in a lot more light and creating a 7' bar between the two rooms -perfect was entertaining or getting a little work done while enjoying the view.

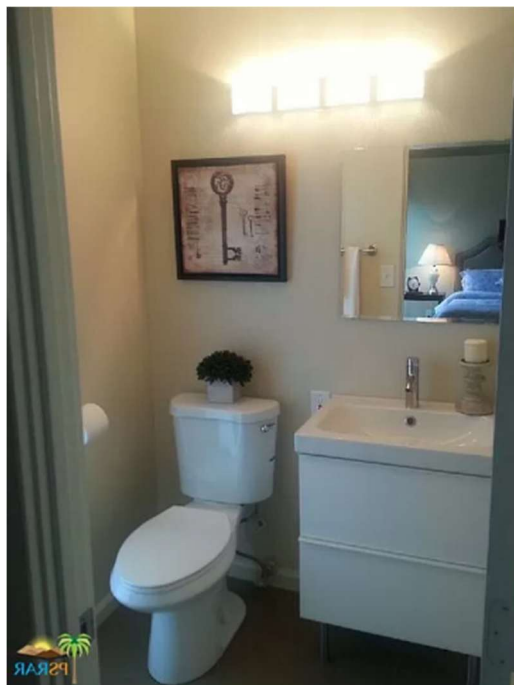
We added unique artwork as accents to a few walls, each piece evoking midcentury modernism.



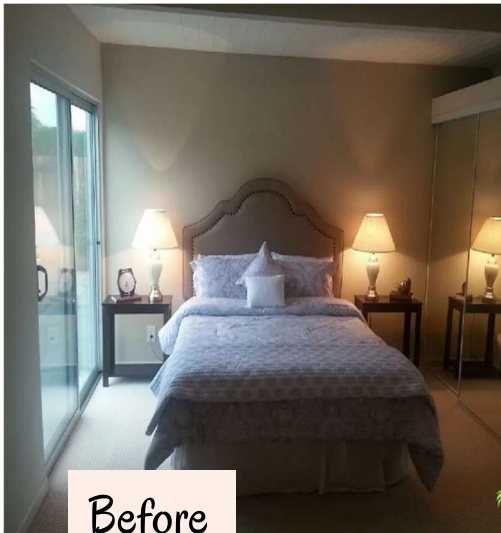
In 2022, we remodeled the ensuite bathroom; adding a walk-in shower, new lighting, mirror, and easy access shower valves. We updated the tile and added a unique full length shelf in the shower.



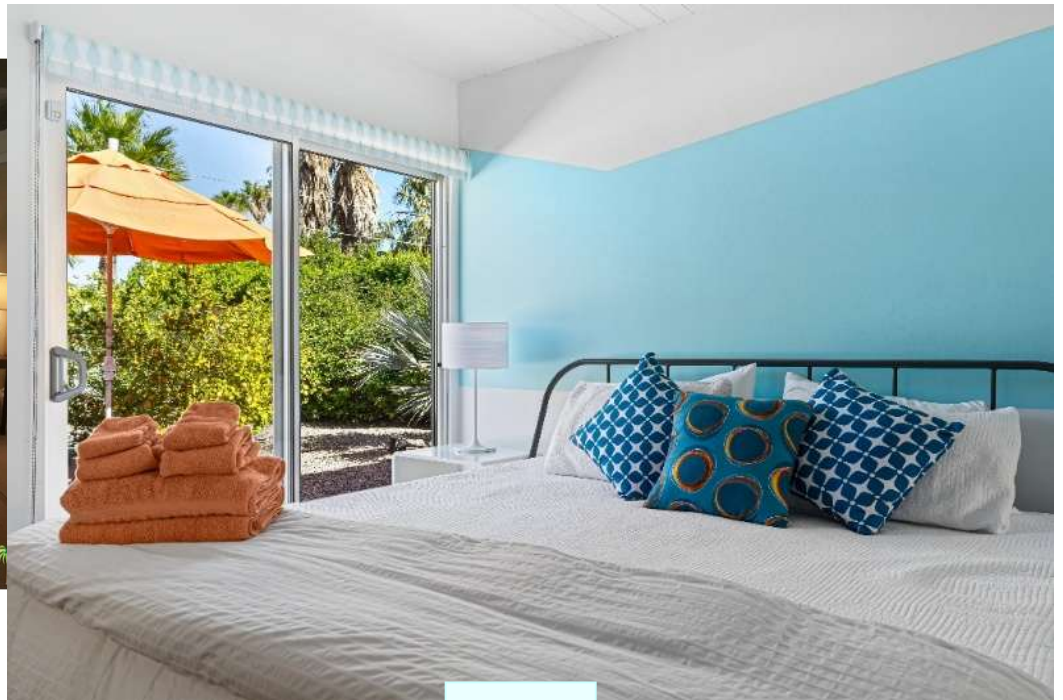
The original bath had a step-down tub shower; while original to these houses, it was not safe and didn't meet today's needs. We added a sliding door closure from the bedroom to improve the flow. The exit from this bath to the backyard and pool was an ingenious part of the Alexander homes.



The guest bath got several changes. In 2019, we replaced the fixed skylight with a new hard-wired one that can be opened for ventilation– and automatically closes if it rains! In 2023, we updated the tile and lighting and in 2025, we changed the vanity to white for a streamline look.



Before



After



The primary bedroom was especially dark and dated. Bright white paint, better lighting, and MCM furniture made all the difference.

The bedrooms were repainted, adding a different MCM roofline accent wall and color scheme to each room.



In 2019, we replaced all the carpets - and clean them every six months!

New custom roller shades were installed, keeping a color scheme specific to each room and brightening all the rooms.



Before

We made dramatic changes to the yard and patio. It was bleak when we purchased the home, void of much vegetation and no pool!

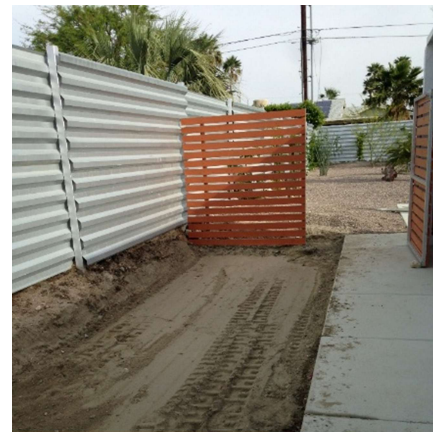
We added the west side driveway for better access for yard and pool maintenance and trash removal. We updated the gate to the backyard with a frosted glass fence and self-closing locking gate –as required by the City. And we added a frosted glass enclosure for trash and recycle bins.

The backyard - and front - were transformed. We added large mature desert landscaping to the front and back- multiple palm trees, cactus plants, bougainvillea, Calliandra, Oleander,

ornamental grasses-all native desert with something

in bloom all year around. The yard cover is desert-appropriate.

The ruby red grapefruit tree was there, and we added a Meyer lemon tree. Both are abundant and delicious when in season.

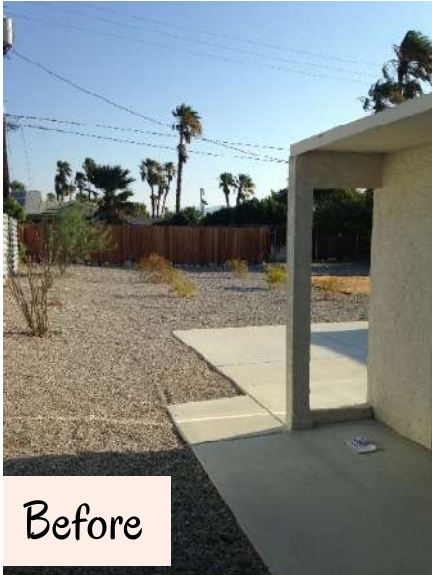


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During

The best addition was the new saltwater 30' x 14' pool and 6' spa, with an expansive patio surrounding it - offering plenty of room for lounging. We added four in-the-ground umbrellas for great shade.



We installed a fire pit with a buried gas line.
We replaced the decrepit fence with a 6' high no maintenance fence around the entire back yard for full privacy.

After





Before

In 2020, we covered the patio with a pergola to offer more outdoor dining opportunities.

In 2021, we upgraded the pool surround, patio, and carport with a non-slip finish that also prevents the salt from staining the concrete.

We added a privacy fence around the HVAC system to screen it and offer a place to hang pool towels with a no maintenance finish – and fun look.



After



Changes and Improvements at a Glance

All carpentry, electrical, plumbing, pool, & HVAC work was done with required city permits by professional tradespeople.

2017

Repainted outside of the house; re-caulked all ceiling paneling; repainted all inside surfaces - each bedroom, the living room and dining room have a unique wall feature evoking the Alexander rooflines

Installed 30' x 14' heated saltwater pool and 6' spa and patio surround

Added large mature desert landscaping to the front and back- multiple palm trees, cactus plants, Bougainvillea, Calliandra, Oleander, ornamental grasses, Meyer lemon tree -all native desert plants and no maintenance desert pebble yard cover

Added a driveway to west for better access to the yard and side entry for yard and pool maintenance. The gate is self-closing with a lock for safety.

Removed the rotted wood fence and replaced with no-maintenance 6' fence all around the back yard, giving full privacy

Buried the electric line that crossed the backyard

Added a gas line and fire pit to the backyard with great views of the mountains

Added a full capacity washer and dryer

Replaced all the plumbing throughout the house

Replaced and upgraded all the exterior doors and added keyless entry

Replaced the water heater with tankless on-demand heater and relocated to the carport

Replaced the entire HVAC System with variable speed efficient system

Installed three large glass windows in the living and dining area; windows meet California efficiency and safety standards

Replaced all window treatments; all bedrooms now have custom designed roller shades

Upgraded the lighting in kitchen, dining room and over the bar; replaced the fixtures with MCM styles

Removed part of the wall between the kitchen and relocated dining room

Switched the dining room from the front entry to beside the kitchen with new bar, creating a double living area near the front entry.

Removed upper cabinets in kitchen to brighten it and relocated them to the dining room and added quartz top to create a buffet for storage

Furnished the entire house to give a MCM vibe with modern comfort

2019

Replaced the fixed skylight in the hall bathroom with a remote controlled one that opens.

Replaced all the bedroom carpet (& clean it every six months)

Added a large 5' x 7' x 10'H custom storage shed with oversized door to the side yard

2020

Added a 10' x 18' slatted no maintenance pergola over the patio

Modernized the ensuite bathroom to remove the step down tub and upgraded the finishes, changed the shower valve location for easier access and added unique full length shelf

2021

Refinished the patio and carport with a textured non-skid finish that does not stain from the saltwater pool and upgraded the pool plaster finish

2022

Renovated the kitchen: removed peninsula, added bank of drawers under the counter, Added a large 5' x 5' island with durable quartz top and significant front and back storage – great for entertaining- added full length solid wood shelf, and added a new tile backsplash with MCM vibe (done by a super high quality tile contractor)

Renovated the hall bath with retro-modern tile and inset box and upgraded the lighting, changed the shower valve location for easier access

2023

Resurfaced the entire roof

Repainted all interior surfaces

Upgraded the fence in the side yard leading to the backyard with steel and frosted glass and added a frosted glass enclosure for the trash and recycle bins. Upgraded the gate and fence to the backyard with low/no maintenance frosted glass and steel finish

Upgraded the fence around the HVAC system with modern vibe and a low/no maintenance finish

2024

Re-stucco-ed and painted the front (south) and west facades of the house

2025

Replaced the hall bathroom vanity

Added a water softening system to the water line – no more soap residue or spots!

Replaced washer and dryer with efficient full capacity wash tower

Replaced the refrigerator, range, and dishwasher with a very quiet one.

Added a new-drip edge around the front of the roofline to improve roof drainage.