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Project: 7434 Herschel Avenue, #7, La Jolla, California

Dear Ms. Derby:

I am writing at your request regarding the above referenced unit. I have been to the site with you today. The unit is on the third story of a three story multi-unit building. The building is wood framed with stucco and shingles as exterior cover. The building appears to be about 40 years old. The unit has two bedrooms, a kitchen and a combined living and dining area. I understand the neighbor directly underneath has expressed concerns about safety and sound transmission, particularly after a recent interior renovation and remodel. The areas of remodel I saw today were as follows:

1. Removal of a coat closet
2. Enlarging the entry to the kitchen
3. Enlarging the entry to the bedrooms

During today's visit I also looked into the attic access and saw the roof framing over the unit. The framing consists of prefabricated wood trusses. These trusses span from exterior wall to exterior wall and all interior walls are non-bearing partitions. Based on my observations, the recent interior remodel has no impact on the structural safety of the unit or the building. Nor, would these modifications have an impact on the sound transmission between the units. Any sound transmission is more often than not a result of the age and the type of construction.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve you. Please call me if you have any questions or need further information.

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Very Truly Yours,

Zabih A. Fozi
Structural Engineer