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## Eichler Design Standards

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Hello Ms.Peak,

Below are comments from Saban Grogan resident at 2273 Fairhill Lane in San Jose, (Part of the Fairglen Addition Eichler development)

"I feel some of the guidelines should be more flexible to allow for design decisions that are in keeping with the modern aesthetic, but were not thought of in the original designs due to environmental concerns that we have now or due to availability of different materials. For example, eliminating garage doors that can roll up point blank also gets rid of the very attractive glass panel garage doors that some Eichler owners have been employing. Likewise, not allowing solar panels that are tilted at an angle above the roof line discounts the advantage of capturing the sun at the most advantageous angle. At present environmental concerns should trump aesthetic design decisions in many instances.

Finally, I found some of the examples of unacceptable design choices to be insensitive and narrow minded. For example, the unstained cedar shake covered house is quite beautiful. I can't help but believe that just a couple of years later when this style was in favor in the early 70s, if Eichler had been still building houses, one of his architects would have incorporated such a material in the design."

Thank you.

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