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Don Bahl
BAHL HOMES
465-8429
Via E-Mail

Re: Fireplace & Chimney Inspection
228 University Avenue
Menlo Park, CA

Dear Don,

We have inspected the above referenced fireplaces and chimneys as requested. Our report on these units follows.

Living Room Fireplace & Chimney: This is a two-story masonry chimney. Our stress test revealed no visible sign of lateral movement or structural instability of the exterior chimney stack. The lower exterior shoulder area is in good condition with no visible sign of cracking or structural deterioration. The chimney is equipped with a spark arrester/rain cap. The top mortar cap and interior flue liners are in good condition with no visible sign of cracking or structural deterioration. There are missing pieces of counter flashing around the chimney that should be replaced to provide maximum protection from moisture intrusion. A gap was noted between the chimney and sheet metal siding. We recommend sealing this gap to prevent moisture intrusion behind the chimney structure.

The interior facing, hearth and firebox areas are in good condition. The damper was serviceable at the time of this inspection. The chimney does not need cleaning at this time. Although it is our opinion this fireplace and chimney is structurally sound and serviceable, we recommend the following corrections as part of routine maintenance:

At your request we will furnish labor and materials to install new counter flashing and seal gap between the chimney and sheet metal siding for \$195.

Family Room Fireplace & Chimney: This is a two-story masonry chimney with a painted stucco finish. Our stress test revealed no visible sign of lateral movement or structural instability of the exterior chimney stack. There is minor cracking at the exterior stucco that is a result of normal aging. No repairs are necessary at this time. The chimney is equipped with a spark arrester/rain cap. The top mortar cap and interior flue liners are in good condition with no visible sign of cracking or structural deterioration. The counter flashing around this chimney needs to be replaced to provide maximum protection from moisture intrusion.

The interior facing, hearth and firebox areas are in good condition. The damper was serviceable at the time of this inspection. There is a gas log lighter at this fireplace. We cannot comment on the serviceability or code compliancy of this gas line. We recommend consulting with a licensed plumber for any questions regarding this gas unit. A damper stopper should be installed to provide continuous ventilation for the gas lighter. A damper stopper is a small "c-clamp" that attaches to the damper blade and leaves a

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