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City of Berkeley
Landmark Preservation Commission
C/O Fatema Crane
1947 Center Street #3rd
Berkeley, CA 94704

To Whom It May Concern:

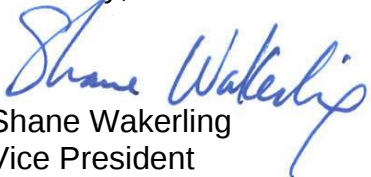
The roof at 2733 Buena Vista Way, Berkeley CA (Tuft's House #3) was inspected on December 1, 2021. It was a cedar shingle roof with another cedar shingle roof underneath. It was in extremely poor condition, with severe rot and deterioration. Due to the roof being beyond its natural life cycle, a replacement was needed to prevent any damage to the structure or interior. Due to a variety of reasons such as insurability (the residence is in a high fire zone), prohibitive cost, building/fire codes and future protection of the structure it was determined that cedar shingles would not be a possible replacement. To keep with the era and other projects by the Architect, Bernard Maybeck, it was decided that best option would be a synthetic slate product. This would keep with the low profile and square look of the original cedar shingle (vs using a thicker shake style) and retain the look of materials used and widely available during the original build.

The Tuft's House #3 is in dire need of a new roof. With a new roof, the building will be protected from the elements, as well as less vulnerable to fire, and no longer allow any water to intrude into the structure. From an aesthetic perspective, it will highlight the beauty of the architecture, which previously looked worn due to the previous roof conditions.

The materials selected for this project are not outside of the buildings period and in fact increase the resilience of the building to natural hazards (especially fire).

If you have questions, or if we can be of further assistance, do not hesitate to call our office during normal business hours.

Sincerely,


Shane Wakerling
Vice President
General Roofing Company