

Why We Love 683 Spruce Street!

As a young family of 3 in 2016, 683 Spruce Street became the center of our activities. Within a short walk we were hiking in the Presidio, shopping at the Clement Street farmers market, or playing at the Clay Street playground. As our kids got older, we could safely bike ride to Golden Gate Park via Euclid & Arguello, and enjoy the car-free journey to Ocean Beach or the museums. The flat neighborhood made it easy to go for a walk as a family, especially with a stroller!

With young kids, time was our most precious asset. The many amenities nearby: Target, Trader Joe's, Laurel Hill Nursery School, the JCC, and the Marin Country Day School bus stop, meant we were never more than a 5 minute walk or drive from the essentials. As our kids got into sports – soccer, baseball, basketball, tennis – the best fields and courts in the city were also nearby, which meant we didn't have to deal with cross-town traffic to get to practice after school!

Finally, the layout of the home really emphasized family time. From the kitchen we could see our kids playing in the living or eating at the dining table. The open floor plan meant we could be together while not being on top of each other. We made a significant investment in the backyard – brought in 6 dump trucks of fill to level it off, added seating around the perimeter, plantings, lighting, and artificial turf - so that on beautiful days, our kids could safely play without risk of escaping to the street. We grew lemons, limes, and strawberries in the backyard, and our daughter would make crowns with Jasmine flower petals growing by the deck.

As our family grew from 3 to 5 members, we (reluctantly) just moved into a bigger home in the suburbs. Our best memories are in this home and we hope the next owners will love it as much as we have!