

New and the old side by side

Two houses where there was just one

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SANTA CRUZ — King Solomon couldn't have done much better.

Following county supervisors' refusal to allow a Live Oak couple to demolish a 120-year-old frame dwelling to make room for a new house, county planners have found a way for the pair to build another residence side by side with their unwanted bit of Old California.

Patrick and Geraldine Davidson will be able to go ahead with construction of a new, 1,600-square-foot home at 1401 El Dorado St., thanks to a zoning variance approved by the county Friday.

And when the construction dust settles, the Davidsons will have two houses where now there is only one. But under the variance approved by the county zoning administrator, no one will be allowed to live in the older one.



Pat, left, Erin and Geraldine Davidson in front of their unwanted house.

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