

From: [Sundar](#)
To: [Clerk](#); [Clerk](#)
Cc: [Meredith Johnston](#)
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] Mulberry Drive - Protest Against Inclusion in Weed Abatement Program
Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 8:51:17 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello,
Good morning.

I am writing in reference to the notice I received again this year regarding the inclusion of my property at [REDACTED] **Mulberry Dr.** in the **Weed Abatement Program**.

I respectfully disagree with the continued inclusion of my property in this program, especially considering that the original concern stemmed from a one-time issue more than a year ago. At that time, for a few months I was not visiting the property as I was busy focusing on my job search, but since then the property was undergoing a remodel, and I had submitted supporting documentation, including photos of the driveway under construction. Despite my protest, my request was denied, and I was charged.

Since then, significant improvements have been made. The dirt driveway has been fully upgraded with pavers, and the weed abatement team, can attest to the fact that they there were no weeds present and acknowledge the progress on the driveway, during their most recent inspection as well as the last year inspection.

Given these facts and the improved, well-maintained condition of the property since last year, I kindly request that [REDACTED] **Mulberry Dr.** be **removed from the weed abatement program** moving forward.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information or updated photos.

Regards,
Sundar

[REDACTED]

On Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 08:50:47 AM PDT, Clerk <clerk@losgatosca.gov> wrote:


Cc: Parks and Public Works Administrative Technician

Good morning,

Thank you for your e-mail received by the Town Clerk. Your communication will be provided to the Town Council and posted to the public agenda in a Desk Item today, August 6, 2024.

Once again thank you for contacting the Town of Los Gatos.

Sincerely,

	Jenna De Long, CMC, CPMC (She/Hers)
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From: Sundar [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 7:29 AM
To: Clerk <Clerk@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] Mulberry Drive - Protest Against Inclusion in Weed Abatement Program

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello,

Based on the call I had with the SCC Country Weed Abatement team and Los Gatos PPW team, I want to emphasize and also add a couple of additional points to consider here.

1. It is claimed that multiple mails have been sent in this regard to me, but I have so far gotten only 2 mails on this subject. One in May of 2023, after which I immediately cleared the driveway and the second one recently after which I am writing this protest letter. Looks like I should have gotten a warning letter earlier, giving me time to clear the weeds by myself, which I haven't gotten and also another mail "Notice to Destroy Weeds, with a blue reply form" in the beginning of 2024 , which was also not received.

2. As I mentioned before, the driveway was cleared immediately after learning of this issue and has been maintained as such since then. The team performed another inspection before a couple of weeks and didn't find any weeds.

3. We are currently in the process of remodel and the driveway would also be levelled and compacted as part of that.

4. Attaching the latest pic of the property for your reference.

Thanks.

Regards,
Sundar





On Friday, August 2, 2024 at 09:19:35 AM PDT, Sundar [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Wendy Wood,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to formally protest the inclusion of my property, located at [REDACTED] Mulberry Drive Los Gatos, 95032 in the town's weed abatement program.

Firstly, I was not aware of the existence of such a program until I received a letter from Santa Clara county weed abatement in May 2023, after they had flagged my property. I did not receive any prior warning or notice to clear weeds as mentioned in the town's notice. Immediately after received the letter, I reached out to the SCCWeed Abatement team and I was told that I need to wait for the Town's meeting to protest the inclusion.

I believe there has been a misunderstanding regarding the condition and maintenance of my property, and I would like to provide some context to clarify the situation.

In April 2023, the county weed abatement team took a picture of my property when I was in the process of obtaining a new construction permit for the said property. I have been regularly maintaining the property free from weeds and had just cleared in March 2023, but due to the showers in March and April, the weeds had regrown by the time the picture was taken in April.

Additionally, this was an unfortunate timing as well, as I was also affected by a job loss last year and was deeply involved in job search activities. Despite the unfortunate timing, I cleared the weeds right away after coming to know of such a program, but I had to wait for this meeting / notice to officially protest, as per the SCC Abatement team.

Since then, the property has been diligently maintained and kept free of weeds. Additionally, I am currently in the process of getting a remodel permit and plan to lay a new driveway in the coming months, which will further improve the property's upkeep and appearance.

Given these circumstances, I kindly request that the town consider this as a one-time issue and exclude my property from the weed abatement program. I assure you that I am committed to maintaining the property in accordance with town regulations and standards moving forward.

Thank you for your understanding and consideration. I look forward to your favorable response.

Sincerely,

Sundar Swaminathan