

July 24, 2025

Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing in response to the appeal submitted by my neighbor, Mary Vidovich, regarding the Planning Commission's decision to approve my building project at **45 Reservoir Rd, Los Gatos**. I fully respect the public's right to appeal and appreciate that diverse perspectives are an important part of the planning process. However, I am concerned that the appeal includes statements that are both false and misleading, which misrepresent the facts and unfairly harm the reputations of others in our community.

In particular, the appeal package contains a letter from Ms. Vidovich that alleges my neighbors, Kia and Emily Baratzadeh, support my project due to a supposed "vested interest" related to their pool's electricity needs. This claim is entirely unfounded. The Baratzadeh Family's pool project is—and has always been—completely independent of my property. Their pool has been in use since March 2025, while my PG&E project remains pending.

The Baratzadeh Family has already provided a letter to Mr. Sean Mullin and Council members clarifying these false statements. Their genuine support for my project is based solely on their belief in its positive contribution to the neighborhood. As the Council is aware, knowingly submitting false information to a public agency is a serious matter under California Penal Code § 115. I respectfully submit that the inclusion of such misstatements in the appeal calls its credibility into question. I trust the Council will take these misrepresentations into account when assessing the overall merit and credibility of the appeal.

Unlike the Baratzadeh Family—whose support for my project has been both sincere and transparent—Mr. Andrew Watson and his wife, Mrs. Kathleen Watson, who spoke in support of Ms. Vidovich's appeal in March, appear to have misrepresented their circumstances. The Watson family testified at the Planning Commission hearing and again before the Council, presenting themselves as long-term, deeply rooted neighbors, residing at 56 Cleland. Mr. Andrew Watson stated: *"We've been there about 37 years; we expect to live there for the rest of our lives. We raised two daughters there. One of them will occupy the house after we're gone."*

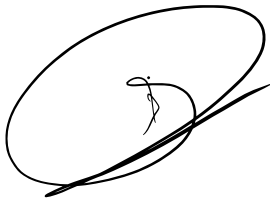
However, public records indicate that the Watson Family listed their property for sale just one week after that Council meeting, finalized the sale in March/April 2025, and had purchased another home elsewhere as early as January 2025. This timeline raises legitimate questions about the accuracy of the testimony presented, particularly as it pertains to their continued residence and long-term interest in the outcome of my project.

Finally, it's important to note that Ms. Vidovich didn't attend the Planning Commission hearing on June 11 to raise concerns and seek clarification before the matter advanced to the Council. While I fully acknowledge that attendance isn't a requirement for filing an appeal, I believe that had she engaged at that earlier stage, we might have been able to address her concerns directly and clarify any misunderstandings before they became the basis for another appeal.

I trust the Council will give a thorough consideration to the application and recognize the good faith in which this project has been proposed and supported. I am confident that a careful review will bring clarity to the factual inaccuracies in the appeal and support a decision based on accurate and reliable facts.

Thank you for taking the time to review my response.

Best regards,
Dr. Farnaz Agahian

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a smaller loop and a final flourish.