# TOWN OF CATOS CATOS

#### **TOWN OF LOS GATOS**

#### PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PHONE (408) 399-5770

SERVICE CENTER 41 MILES AVENUE LOS GATOS, CA 95030

8/6/2019

**VIA USPS** 

Stacey Henley 101 Capistrano Pl Los Gatos, CA 95030

RE: APN 409-02-013

Dear Stacey,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your protest of the proposed 2019 Weed Abatement Program Assessment Report for your property located at 101 Capistrano PI, Los Gatos.

I followed up with Moe Kumre, Manager of the County of Santa Clara Weed Abatement Program, and after researching your APN, it shows that your property is compliant and was erroneously added to the Program this year and shall be been removed from the 2019 Weed Abatement Program. No fees will be assessed on your 2019 property taxes.

If you have any further questions about the Weed Abatement Program, please feel free to contact the County at (408) 282-3145, or myself.

Sincerely,

STEFÄNIE HOCKEMEYER

**Executive Assistant** 

Cc: Moe Kumre, Weed Abatement Program Manager

#### August 2, 2019

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To: Town of Los Gatos Clerk Administrator

From: Stacey Henley, Resident, Parcel #409-02-013

Re: 2019 Weed Abatement Assessment

I am writing this letter to object to the proposed assessment for my property located at 101 — Capistrano PI, Los Gatos, CA 95032. I am not understanding why I am receiving this assessment when my weeds are taken care of by my gardener and I returned the 2019 Reply Form stating that I would maintain the parcel in a manner consistent with the Minimum Fire Safety Standards.

Thank you,

**Stacey Henley** 

408-318-7755



8-5-2019

2019 AUG - b A 10: 28

Clerk Administrator 110 E. Main Street Los Gatos, CA 95030

Re: WAP Fine Paul & Kym Prouty 14960 Larga Vista Drive

Los Gatos, CA 95032

408-806-3393

APN- 527-16-016

Dear Clerk Administrator,

I am writing in protest of the fine of \$575.00 that I am being assessed. I have included the photo evidence that the County WAP representative sent me along with my own photos.

The area in question that we were fined for is the area next to our house where we lost a large oak tree during the storm of May 18 and 19 this year. I have provided an overhead shot of the tree circled in red and another photo of the downed tree from the same position on the street that the county took their photo. This was a multi trunked Quercus Agrifolia, each of the four trunks fell a different direction.

We cleaned up the brush, slash and trunks over a three week period. You can see in the photo "evidence" provided by the County that only two of the trunks remain on the ground (outlined in red) on June 13<sup>th</sup> when they took the photo. In the three weeks after the storm during our clean up of the tree the weather turned warm and the newly sun exposed ground germinated the long shaded seeds.

So far this year I have personally mowed the entire acre parcel on April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> again on May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and again on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> because the rain patterns this year kept the grasses growing. I received the violation notice the last week of June as the WAP inspected on June 13<sup>th</sup>. You can clearly see that the weeds in the photo that they provided are green and sparse. I am not and was not in violation of any code.

The fine is punitive and an outrage as we have never been in violation, have always kept our property clear of brush and weeds. This is, in my view, pure harassment by an over zealous County agency. The fine should be removed from our property tax bill. Please let us know if you have any questions.

My best

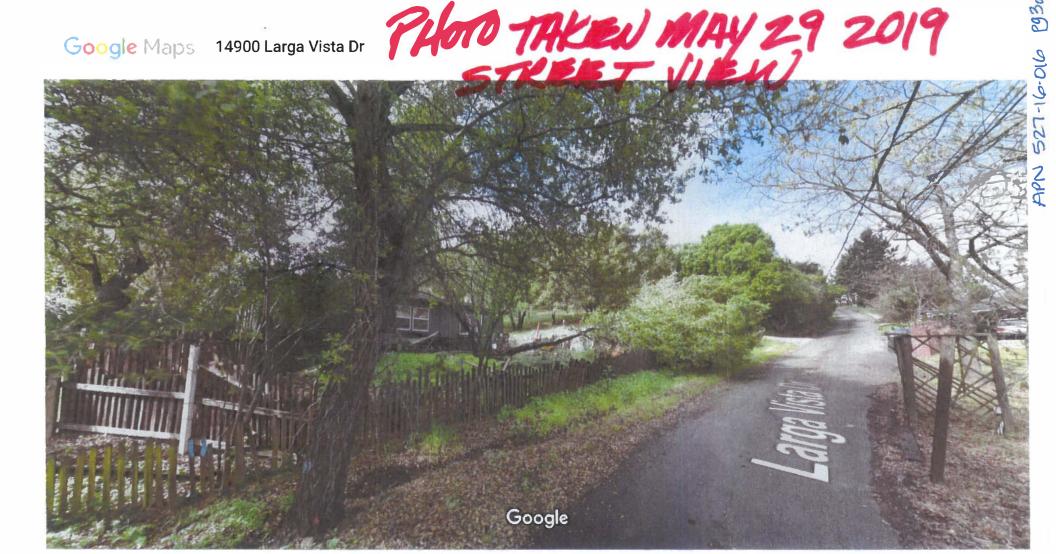
**Paul Prouty** 

8/6/19@12:30pm-PPW Staff called resident to relay country's research, & recommendation.

Google Maps 14960 Larga Vista Dr



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Los Gatos, California



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**Subject:** 

FW: Weed Abatement Assessment Inquiry

Importance:

High

### APN 532-17-028

From: Stefanie Hockemeyer

Sent: Tuesday, August 06, 2019 8:37 AM

To: Kumre, Moe (Moe.Kumre@cep.sccgov.org) < Moe.Kumre@cep.sccgov.org>

Subject: Weed Abatement Assessment Inquiry

Importance: High

Hi Moe,

I received a call from APN 532-17-028 (16481 Kennedy Rd) –Jai Hakhu. He is questioning the amount of his assessment (\$575) and believes he cleared his weeds on time.

Can you call him this morning and let me know the outcome so that I can make notes for our meeting tonight? (408) 307-8807.



#### Stefanie Hockemeyer • Executive Assistant

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8/6/19@12:45pm, PPW Staff called property owner to relay county's research & recommendation.