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FW: Fire Prevention and defensible space agenda item 1/21/2020

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From: Mitzi <mitziand@aol.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 9:45 AM

To: Council <Council@losgatosca.gov>

Subject: Fire Prevention and defensible space agenda item 1/21/2020

Dear Mayor and Town Council Members,

My letter is in regards to Chapter 9- Fire Prevention and Protection: will expand defensible space requirements beyond property lines. I'm extremely concerned this law takes away the rights of property owners. Basically, your neighbor would dictate what you have on your property for up to 100 feet (potentially no fences, no hedges, no bushes, no privacy, landscaped to your neighbors specifications within the law). The needs, consideration and protection of the property owner are being eliminated. It creates a situation similar to an easement where your rights are reduced on your own property. I foresee such a mandated law causing issues between neighbors and in the strictest of sense taking away property rights.

One example where this can get out of hand is when one neighbor chooses to build closer to the shared property line to enjoy more of their land, then the other neighbor bears the burden of providing defensible space at the cost of their property rights and out of their pocket financially.

Also, because not all property is configured the same and you could have multiple neighbors needing 100 feet of defensible space, this law could severely limit the use and privacy of your overall property.

This also puts an undue financial burden on the property owner to have to maintain their yard in a way specifically desirable for their neighbor.

While I support fire safety, I can not support this over reaching proposal that greatly diminishes the rights of one property owner for the sole benefit of another.

Sincerely,
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Sent from my iPhone

Subject:

FW: Wildfire Amendments

From: Don & Kathy <adonkathy@aol.com>

Date: January 21, 2020 at 10:59:41 AM PST

To: bspector@losgatosca.gov, Rob Rennie <RRennie@losgatosca.gov>

Subject: Fwd: **Wildfire Amendments**

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Begin forwarded messageTown Council

I was just made aware last night that you will considering three amendments to the Town Ordinances with the goal of laying additional groundwork for Wildfire Prevention in our community.

I request that before any adoption of new amendments you notify all hillside residents whose property will be impacted by these amendments. Enclose in the letter the additional amendments so the property owners realize the existent of the amendments.

I have concerns about the negative impact these amendments will have on property owner's rights and financial hardships.

Sincerely,

Kathy Anderson

Foster Rd.

Los Gatos

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