

**From:** Stefanie Hockemeyer

**Sent:** Monday, August 02, 2021 2:11 PM

**To:** mariaeaves

**Cc:** Matt Morley <MMorley@losgatosca.gov>; Clerk Group <ClerkGroup@losgatosca.gov>; Kumre, Moe (Moe.Kumre@cep.sccgov.org) <Moe.Kumre@cep.sccgov.org>

**Subject:** FW: Protest to the Proposed assessment report - APN 527-16-013

Dear Ms. Guevara-Eaves,

I am in receipt of your objection and protest to the proposed assessment and collection charges to your parcel (APN 527-16-013) from the Town's Weed Abatement program you submitted to the Town Clerk.

Due to high fire risks, the Town is taking abatement requirements very seriously to make sure property owners are meeting their obligations. The Town is also investing significant funds in vegetation management to ensure the safety of the community, especially along roadsides. There is little tolerance for exceptions to this program.

The Town of Los Gatos Municipal Code Chapter 11, Article II et seq requires property owners to prevent potential fire hazards based on the California Health & Safety Code to provide protection for the property and any nearby structures by clearing hazards according to Minimum Fire Safety Standards. It also authorizes the County to remove the weeds if the property owner fails to do so and to recover costs through an assessment on the property tax bill for each parcel.

The Program is a cost recovery program administered by the County on behalf of the Town and is funded from fees assessed on the properties included on the assessment list. Every year while in the program, each of the property owners are charged an annual compliance inspection fee and some incur costs for additional inspections, administrative, and abatement fees. The charges for your parcel are for the annual compliance inspection and for a failed inspection, for a total of \$550. Attached are the pictures of the inspection.

Once a parcel is placed in the program, it will remain until it displays compliance for three consecutive years, at which point it will be removed.

According to the Santa Clara County Assessor's Office, your parcel is a privately owned parcel (attached is the property profile for your information). Any desire to share responsibility with adjoining property owners is incumbent on the property owner to arrange. The Town does not get involved with this and we can only address the owner of the property when it comes to weed abatement issues.

Based on this information, the recommendation from staff to the Town Council will be to uphold the charges of \$550 to your parcel.

Sincerely,



**Stefanie Hockemeyer • Executive Assistant**

Parks and Public Works • 41 Miles Avenue, Los Gatos, CA 95030

Ph: 408.399.5761



August 02, 2021 08:30:05 AM. The GIS data used in this analysis was compiled from various sources. While deemed reliable, the Planning Office assumes no liability.

## Property Location Information

APN: **527-16-013**

Property Owner: **GUEVARA MARIA E TRUSTEE & ET AL**

Owner Address: **14975 LARGA VISTA DR LOS GATOS CA 95032-4917**

Site Address: **LARGA VISTA DR LOS GATOS CA 95032**

Recorded Size (Assessor Database): **45,738 sq. ft. / 1.1 acres**

Computed Size (GIS): **45,945 sq. ft. / 1.1 acres**

TRA: **03007**

## Planning and Development Information

**APN:52716013 is incorporated (LOS GATOS).**

General Plan: **USA**

USA: **Los Gatos (100%)**

SOI: **Los Gatos**

Zoning: **INCORPORATED**

Supervisor District: **1**

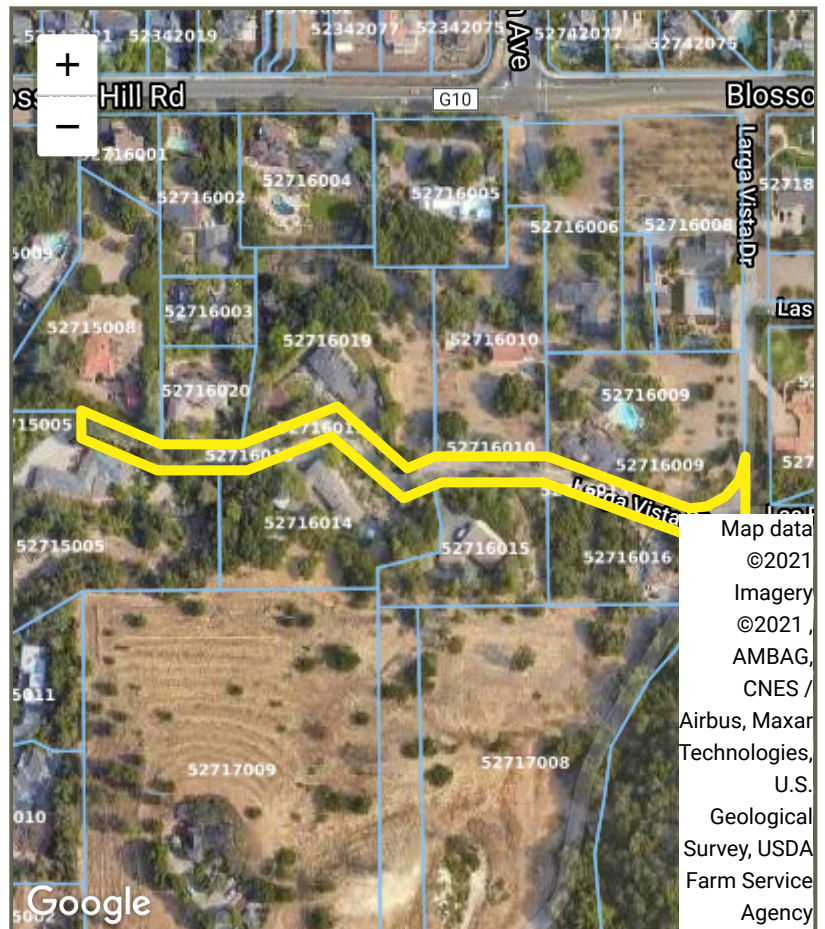
Approved Building Site: **Research needed to evaluate parcel as a Building Site**

## Special Area Policies and Information

- Los Gatos Hillside Specific Plan Area: **IN**
- Fire Responsibility Area: **LRA (100%)**
- Fire Protection District: **Santa Clara County Central Fire Protection District**
- Geohazard: **County landslide hazard zone**
- Geohazard: **State seismic hazard zone (earthquake induced landslides)**
- Historic Parcel: **NO**
- FEMA Flood Zone: **X (100%)**
- Sanitary District: **West Valley Sanitation District**
- Watershed: **San Francisco Bay**
- Rain isohyet: **21 inches**
- Nearest named creek: **ROSS CREEK (3202 feet)**
- Nearest named lake: **Vasona Reservoir (9482 feet)**

## Development Activity

- *No development activity recorded in GIS*











**From:** Maria E. Eaves >

**Sent:** Friday, July 30, 2021 4:25 PM

**To:** Clerk <[Clerk@losgatosca.gov](mailto:Clerk@losgatosca.gov)>

**Cc:** [scc.weedabatement@cep.sccgov.org](mailto:scc.weedabatement@cep.sccgov.org)

**Subject:** Protest to the Proposed assessment report

Dear Town of Los Gatos and Weed Abatement Division,  
Please see attached letter and photographs of my objection and protest to the proposed assessment and collection charges to my parcel.

APN 527-16-013

0 Larga Vista Drive Los Gatos CA 95032

Thank you,

Maria Eaves

Maria E. Guevara-Eaves, Trustee  
14975 Larga Vista Drive  
Los Gatos CA 95032

July 30, 2021

Town of Los Gatos  
Town Clerk  
110 E. Main Street  
Los Gatos CA 95030 [Clerk@LosGatosCA.gov](mailto:Clerk@LosGatosCA.gov); [scc.weedabatement@cep.sccgov.org](mailto:scc.weedabatement@cep.sccgov.org).

Dear Town of Los Gatos and Weed Abatement Division:

I am in receipt of your weed assessment charges where you are charging my property 0 Larga Vista Drive, Los Gatos, CA 95032 in the amount of \$550.00. I also was advised that I was going to be charge for the work done along the boundaries of LARGA VISTA DRIVE.

On July 29, 2021, I requested and I was sent pictures of the work done on 0 Larga Vista Drive; however, the photographs depict the entire road which I share with my neighbors.

According to the Weed Assessment Division I am responsible for the entire road.

Yes! the entire road from the bottom of the property to the top of the road. There are seven (7) other properties which I do not own but according to the weed abatement division, I have to pay for their clean up (weed abatement) as much as mine.

I am objecting to the weed abatement charges, the responsibility should be shard amongst all the property owners and users of the road, as their properties are adjacent to the road and those owners also enjoy ingress and egress privileges beyond the boundaries of my property. It is unfair for me to have to shoulder the burden of paying for all my neighbors' weed abatement requirements.

In situations like this, either the responsibility is shared, or the town is in charge of the road, not one single private party.

My next-door neighbor's property which back yard reaches Larga Vista, 15790 Blossom Hill Road Los Gatos, APN 527-07-006. On the first picture the area on the road and inside the property is not cleaned; but my area is all clean, which is further down.

The photographs also depict the road leading to the following addresses:

15010 Larga Vista Drive Los Gatos CA 95032.

15100 Larga Vista Drive Los Gatos CA 95032

15051 Larga Vista Drive Los Gatos CA 95032

15081 Larga Vista Drive Los Gatos CA 95032

16060 Larga Vista Drive Los Gatos CA 95032.

16090 Larga Vista Drive Los Gatos CA 95032.



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16070 Larga Vista Drive Los Gatos CA 95032.

I have attached pictures of my 0 Larga Vista Drive which you can see is clean. About 2 years ago I was also charge, I thought it was because I did not do a good clean up; but I did not know I was paying for everyone on my block.

Please review my property and my requirements because certainly the pictures sent to my are not for my property 0 Larga Vista Drive Los Gatos CA 95032.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Maria E. Guevara-Eaves  
Trustee  
0 Larga Vista Drive  
Los Gatos, CA 95032















