

From: Sundar

Sent: Friday, August 2, 2024 9:20 AM

To: Clerk <Clerk@losgatosca.gov>

Subject: [Redacted] Mulberry Drive - Protest Against Inclusion in Weed Abatement Program

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

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