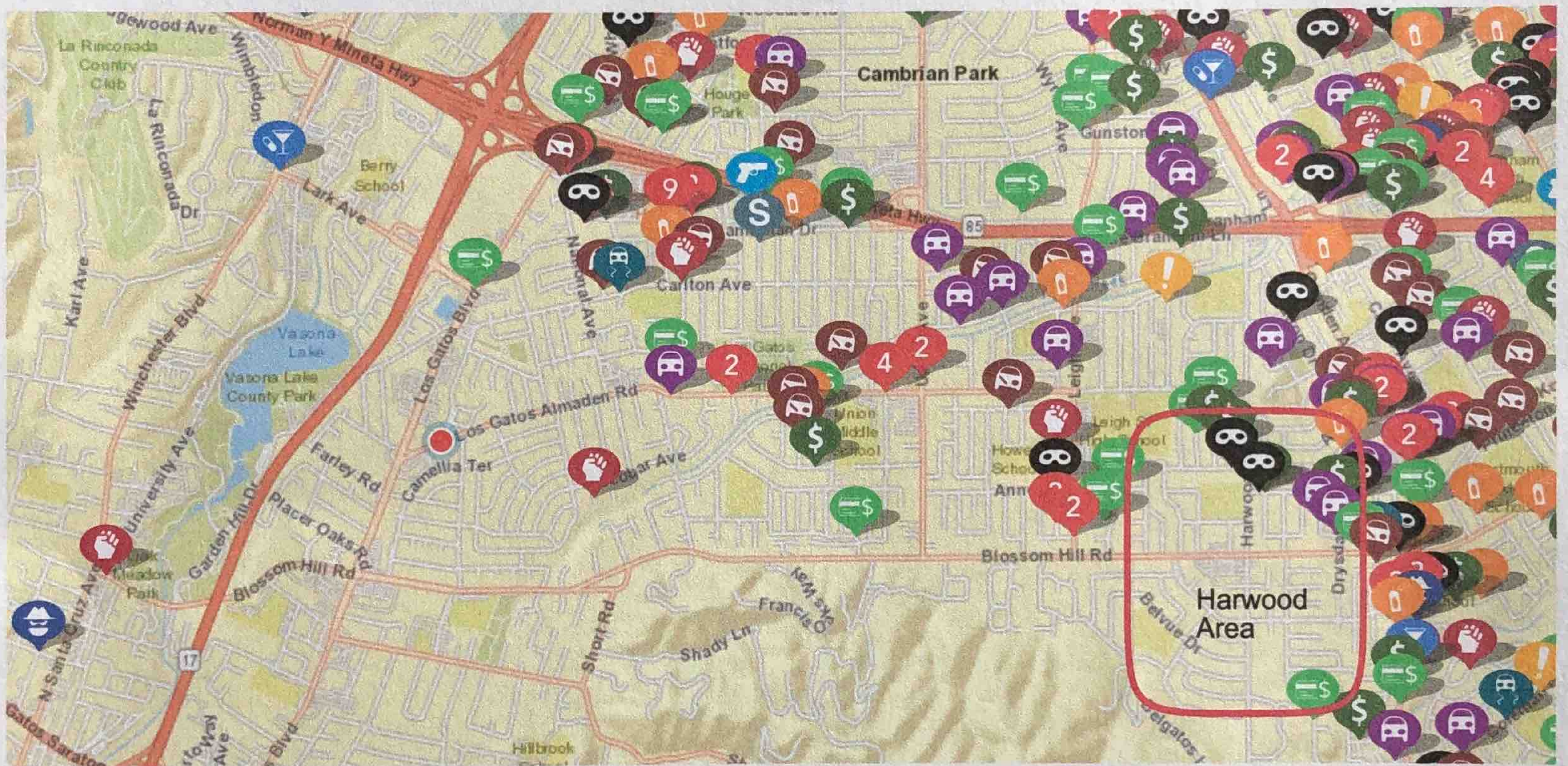


I plan on speaking this evening so in order to not exceed my 3 minutes; I have detailed my security issues along Harwood Road. First, I find it difficult to accept that any person or government agency can dictate to an owner what he/she can or cannot do to protect ones family, pets, and property from bad people.

Harwood Road is a main artery accessing very nice neighborhoods including the Alerche and Belgatos developments. This East-most Los Gatos Neighborhood borders on San Jose and seems to be preferred areas for bad people to drive a short distance do bad things. Following are some examples. (SEE ATTACHED CRIME MAP)

- 1) 125 Alerche thieves parked on Harwood Road and jumped my 4-foot fence and proceeded to break into and steal the stereos out of all three vehicles parking in my driveway.
- 2) 125 Alerche, thieves accessed my property by jumping my 4-foot fence and attempted to break into my home. My return home caused them to flee and the Police performed a quick search prior to me entering my home.
- 3) On January 3rd, 2020 I called LGPD regarding a suspicious call parked in front of 16611 Harwood Road. A young man was arrested for outstanding warrants and the car was towed. Officer stated that since proposition 47 & 57 there has been an increase of burglaries.
- 4) On January 18th 2018 I received a call from an Alerche Neighbor. They found my mail strewn over their front yard (mail theft).
- 5) On February 6th, 2021 I called LGPD because a mail theft occurred in the general vicinity area and it was dumped in the Dog-poop station can at the corner of Alerche and Harwood. LGPD returned the mail to the rightful owners (mail theft).
- 6) A few months back a suspicious looking person was walking Harwood Road and taking pictures of the entries of homes using a camera with a decent sized lens. I went out with my iPhone to take photos of him. He proceeded to chase me yelling, "I can take photos of you to". Once back on my property, I called LGPD. They came out and took a description and then searched the neighborhood for the individual.
- 7) Cars constantly park on Harwood Road and parts of Alerche for both innocent and nefarious reasons. I am constantly picking up discarded alcohol containers, trash, and sometimes used condoms. 125 Alerche has only a 4-foot fence fronting Harwood and Alerche and as such, over 50% of the trash is thrown over the fence onto my property.

There are many more instances than what I described above which I have personally witnessed over the past 35 years living at 125 Alerche & Harwood.



Crime in Harwood Road Area past 6 months (May 01-October 27, 2021)

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Ryan Safty](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Comments on the 2021 Fence Height Exception Appeal (FHE-21-009)
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:44:21 AM

EXTERNAL SENDER

Ryan, there are some comments on the 2021 Fence Height Exception Appeal (FHE-21-009). I am also sharing these comments with Ani Chauhan, so I don't need them to be held back.

Foundational principal

Laws are meant to be followed. I believe that building codes are a good thing, and *should be followed unless there is a clear and justified need for an exception to be made*. The code is a set of community standards made by our town. These standards create consistencies that give the community it's look and cohesion.

Alerche view cohesion

While it is true that several houses on Alerche Dr., and also Crider Ct., have fences in front of the houses, *only one of the first six houses has a fence*. So, regarding the "blend with any house around" and "make neighborhood look coherent" claims of the appeal, neither the currently in-process or proposed fence blends in with the other 5 homes immediately across from or above the 100 house.

That one house with a fence, at 105 Alerche, has a solid wood fence painted gray and which dramatically obscures the vista which is supposed to be one of the defining characteristics of HR1 housing zones. I think that this fence was erected in 2018/19, and completed the week before the current zoning rules came into effect. I was very disappointed that zoning allowed this.

Regarding the appeal claim that the proposed fence "matches with what my front neighbor at 101 Alerche Drive installed couple of months back": *The fence at the 101 house does not match the proposed fence* in that it does not go across the front of the house and is not close to the curb line (there is no sidewalk on that side of Alerche).

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Ryan Safty](#)
Cc: [REDACTED] [Alexa Nolder](#)
Subject: RE: 6 foot fence 100 Alerche Drive. 2021 Fence Height Exception Appeal (FHE-21-009)
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 11:00:01 AM

EXTERNAL SENDER

Ryan, here is the part I am OK with for the public record and to forward. My husband and I are neighbors of the Chauhan's on Alerche Drive. We have lived at this address since 2001.

We too have a back yard vineyard. We grow grapes and make wine for our own consumption and have done so for years. It is true that deer enjoy ripe grapes and will eat them if available. I can see the value of enclosing the front vines for that reason.

I do not see any other reason to enclose the front of the house with a fence.

The houses at 100, 101, 104, 105 and 108 were a common sub-division and subject to the terms of the DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS made by Dividend Development Corporation on 14 March 1986, stamped as having been Recorded with Santa Clara County, Official Records on 26Nov1986. Upon purchase, we were all made aware of these and I assume the Chauhan's are no exception. Conformity in these 5 houses was breached in 2019 at 105 to all of our dismay with a wood fence close to the street, with no approval sought from neighbors and at the last minute before the HR1 fencing guidelines changed.

Neighbors with addresses farther up the street, with the exception of the 2 horse farms, were built later and under different restrictions. The same with Crider Court properties. Thus, in my opinion the "conformity" of the properties on the street is valid, but moot. Does this mean that every house on Alerche Drive would need to put a sidewalk fence up to conform?

Mr. Chauhan provides a picture of the property at 101 Alerche, directly across the street from him. He shows what is the "backyard fence" of the property along Harwood Road. At the corner of Alerche and Harwood, the fence makes a corner along Alerche. There is a fence and gate along the driveway which ends as they intersect with the house. Important to note is **the front of the house facing on Alerche is not fenced. This is not shown in the picture Mr. Chauhan provides.**

As far as security goes, my husband and I are both senior citizens with the front of our house open to the sidewalk. We too have interesting fruits and objects in our front yard and there is a lot of foot and bike traffic on our street due to the connection to the Bel Gatos open space. So far, after 20 years no issues with security. Security has both objective and subjective aspects, and from my perspective is not a problem, but others might differ.

I am sorry the family chose to start a project before checking in with the city to be sure it meets code. Whatever the outcome, we respect the city's decision.