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Sent: Monday, June 08, 2020 11:14 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: Groen, Mary Anne <maryanne.groen@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Agenda Item 2.19 - June 9th Meeting - Homeowner Concerns

Hello Dev Davis and City Council,

I hope you and your loved ones are well during these unique times of biological pandemic and justified dissent. The purpose of this email is to urge the San Jose City Council to remove agenda item 2.19 from the June 9th consent calendar in order for it to be considered separately.

My name is Mark Moshfegh, I am a homeowner/resident of 1732 Laurelwood Drive, San Jose CA, 95125. I am writing to express my objection to agenda item 2.19 on the June 9th Consent Calendar regarding the vacation of the minimum setback requirements in Tract 2026 from 25 feet to 20 feet. Please forgive me for the late correspondence and potential use of layman's terms, but I first became familiar with this agenda item by way of paper notices stapled to our neighborhood trees in the midst of "Shelter-in-place" orders.

My wife and I elected to purchase a home in Tract 2026 on Laurelwood Dr specifically for the architectural appeal of the immediate neighborhood. Wide streets, deep setbacks and respect for original design led to this wonderful community. After witnessing the relaxation of building codes and the resulting degradation in community and aesthetic appeal, we chose to sell our home in Cupertino in order to relocate to Willow Glen – Laurelwood Drive specifically. This neighborhood has withstood nearly seventy years with minimal change, an uncommon feat in the Bay Area of the 2020's. I fear if this very special neighborhood is treated with indifference and without proper representation by the constituency during these unprecedented times, we may be dishonoring those that elected to move here in recent years as well as those families that have resided here for decades.

Please at the very least consider removing item 2.19 from the consent agenda for separate discussion in times when all vested parties are more able to voice concerns.

Thank you,

Mark Moshfegh

From: Karl J Kieslich [mailto:karl.kieslich@ey.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2020 9:15 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: Groen, Mary Anne <maryanne.groen@sanjoseca.gov>
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Hello members of the City Council and Dev Davis,

I am writing to express my concern about agenda item 2.19 on today's meeting calendar. I am the homeowner of 1727 Laurelwood Drive, San Jose, CA 95125 for the last thirteen years. I moved from the east coast and was looking for a neighborhood that didn't feel overly crowded and had a strong family feel. This is created in part by the spaciousness you feel when walking along the sidewalks of this neighborhood. The neighborhood has stood the test of time through several renovations with no one altering the character of the neighborhood.

I would have attended the meeting, but I had client meetings at this time. However, I did want to notify you that I am against changing the setbacks in our neighborhood. With so many people that recently completed renovations, I would think that it would be unfair to change the rules now. It would change the character of the neighborhood for years to come and Willow Glen potentially could lose some of the charm that has drawn families to make this their home.

Please consider removing Item 2.19 from your agenda, so that it can be given the appropriate amount of consideration for such a potentially impactful change. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Regards,

Karl Kieslich