

From: Ying-Ying Chang [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 10:23 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Iris Chang Park--Please prevent further delay

Dear City Clerk:

Please put the following letter written to City Mayor and City Councilmen at

File #: 17-094, Item 10.2 for Public Record. Thank you.

Best,

Ying-Ying Chang

Date: October 16, 2017

To: Mayor Sam Liccardo; Charles "Chappie" Jones, District 1; Sergio Jimenez, District 2; Raul Peralez, District 3; Lan Diep, District 4; Vice Mayor Magdalena Carrasco, District 5; Devora "Dev" Davis, District 6; Tam Nguyen, District 7; Sylvia Arenas, District 8; Donald Rocha, District 9; Jonny Khamis, District 10

CC To: City Clerk (Referring File #: 17-094, Item 10.2. Please put into package as public record)

Dear Honorable San Jose Mayor and honorable San Jose Councilmen:

I am Ying-Ying Chang and my husband, Shau-Jin Chang, are parents of Iris Chang. We are very grateful to all of you who unanimously in 2015 voted to approve the new park named after our daughter as Iris Chang Park.

We want to update you the progress of Iris Chang Park. My husband and I have worked closely with Department of Park and Recreation in planning and designing the Park since 2015. The Park is supposed to be opened this year, but unfortunately it has delayed due to some soil problems. All neighbors as well as we are anxiously waiting for the opening of the park. It has already delayed a year.

Recently we heard that the land designated for Iris Chang Park will be considered to be a new project for Microsoft located at the north of highway 237. We learned that the Municipal Water System plans to dig a well at the site of Iris Chang Park. We do not understand why the Municipal Water System has chosen Iris Chang Park for the site to dig a well.

In the EIR appendix which reveals on page 14:

"The City has required, as a condition of approval for the project, the purchase and dedication of a 2,500 square foot property for SJMWS's future construction of a potable water well. This agrees with the 2015 UWMP plan Table 6-8 for future water projects to support future demands by the installation of groundwater wells in the NSJ/Alviso service area. "

As we understand it did not say the well has to be in the Iris Chang Park; there are plenty sites elsewhere in Alviso or other North San Jose area. If the project needs quality water, again they can find the site other than Iris Chang Park. Industrial project such as this should have plenty financial resources to support in finding a specific water source they need. They cannot just take a piece of Park land without making effort to find other site for digging a well. **There is no reason why they have to choose a site such as Iris Chang Park which has been designed and planned for two years. The change of the land use, even only a small part of the Park land, will change the whole design of the park. That means that the design of the Park has to be modified and redesigned which will delay the opening of the Park for another 6-8 months as I was told. Since the Park has been already delayed a year and the neighbors and we are very anxious in waiting, this is very unfair to the Department of Park and Recreation and also unfair to us and the neighborhood.**

In addition, we learn that there are two wells locating very close to each other and near Iris Chang Park; they are only a few feet away from the northwest borderline of Iris Chang Park. There is no reason why Municipal Water System has to dig the 3rd well in Iris Chang Park. **Common sense is to dig wells in different locations will increase the sources of water during the years of prolonging drought. Besides, a future park under development at Agnew location just about half mile away.**

We are upset that we were kept in the dark for the possible change of the plan of Iris Chang Park. As we understand City Plan Commissioners have made recommendation to the City Council. **We sincerely request that your decision to be deferred so that we and other community leaders can have a chance to understand the issue.**

Best wishes,

Ying-Ying Chang

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From: Ying-Ying Chang [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 12:35 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; District1; District2; District3; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District4; District 10

Cc: City Clerk; Green, Scott

Subject: Iris Chang Park #2--Please Prevent Further Delay (File #: 17-094, Item 10.2)

Date: October 18, 2017

To: Mayor Sam Liccardo; Charles "Chappie" Jones, District 1; Sergio Jimenez, District 2; Raul Peralez, District 3; Lan Diep, District 4; Vice Mayor Magdalena Carrasco, District 5; Devora "Dev" Davis, District 6; Tam Nguyen, District 7; Sylvia Arenas, District 8; Donald Rocha, District 9; Jonny Khamis, District 10

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Dear Honorable San Jose Mayor and honorable San Jose Councilmen:

Two days ago, I have written a letter to you about SJ Municipal Water System (SJMWS) attempted to dig a well at Iris Chang Park which has been designed and planned for two years.

From the video recording on Oct. 10 at City Hall Meeting concerning the project File #: 17-094, I listened the representative of SJMWS Jeff who answered the questions raised by Planning Commissioners about the well. **It seems indicating that SJMWS did not conduct exhaustive search for a location for a well of quality water. It seems that SJMWS knew there are wells of good quality water near Iris Chang Park, they decided to dig a 3rd well in Iris Chang Park without exploring other possible sites for a well.** As you know, the Iris Chang Park has been named since 2015 and the planning and the designing of the Park has been going on for two years of hard work, from both of San Jose Department of Park and Recreation and from community leaders of North San Jose. SJMWS could not just take a piece of land from Iris Chang Park to dig a well, **which will destroy the original plan and further delay the park opening for at least another 8 months. This is not acceptable.**

Moreover, if a well facility (with huge pipe above ground and service cabinets) were located at Iris Chang Park, **it would destroy the aesthetic aspect of the Park. It would conflict with the beautiful design of the Park and it would not be acceptable for the people living around the neighborhood.**

As we understand City Planning Commissioners have made recommendation to the City Council about the new project but without specific indicating the site of water well. **We sincerely request that you should advise SJMWS to respect the land of Iris Chang Park and finding another location for a well of the new project.**

Best wishes,

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From: vlad raykin <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 8:24 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; District1; District2; District3; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10

Cc: City Clerk; Green, Scott; Assemblymember Chu; Ying-Ying Chang; rd@richarddeutsch.com

Subject: Re: (File #: 17-094, Item 10.2) Please dont interrupt construction and open Iris Chang Park in December 2017 for 80th Anniversary of Nanking Massacre.

Date: October 18, 2017

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Dear Honorable San Jose Mayor and honorable San Jose Councilmen:

I live next to Iris Chang Park in Northern San Jose.

I sincerely request that you should advise SJMWS to respect the land of Iris Chang Park and find another location for a well of the proposed project File #: 17-094.

Our community park has been designed by the famous architect Richard Deutsch, San Jose Department of Parks and Recreation and community volunteers. It was planned be open in December 2017 for 80th Anniversary of Nanking Massacre.

Unfortunately, without local resident's approval SJMWS is trying just take a piece of land from Iris Chang Park to dig a water well.

The SJMWS decision disrespects:

- **Our local community,**
- **Memory of our neighbor Iris Chang,**
- **Chinese culture and history,**
- **Memory of all WW2 Holocaust victims.**

All the Best,

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