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CITY COUNCIL WRITTEN PETITION

Please provide the information requested below. When complete, please submit to the City Clerk's Office, 1500 Warburton Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95050.

Date: Nov 15th 2021

I, JARED PETERS, am hereby requesting to be placed on the Santa Clara City Council Agenda for the following purpose:

THE RESIDENTS BORDERING PRUNERIDGE AVENUE IN THE LAUREL PARK EAST

NEIGHBORHOOD ARE REQUESTING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL MAKE A POLICY DECISION

TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE UNSTABLE

AND DANGEROUS SOUND WALL BACKING OUR PROPERTIES. THE SOUND WALL IS CLEARLY PART OF THE MUNICIPAL ROADWAY INFRASTRUCTURE AND SHOULD BE RIGHTFULLY MAINTAINED BY THE CITY STREET DEPARTMENT. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED CORRESPONDENCE.

I understand that it is important that I attend the meeting in the event there are any questions the Council wishes to ask me.

Signed:

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DATE:

Nov 15th 2021

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To: Anthony J. Becker
City of Santa Clara Councilmember District #6

October 25th, 2021

From: Jared Peters
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CC: Lisa M. Gillmor – City of Santa Clara Mayor
Deanna J. Santana – City Manager
Craig Mobeck – Director of Public Works
Sue Ruter – Acting City Attorney
Brandon Coco – Associate Engineer

Subject: Dangerous Concrete Municipal Sound Wall (2500-2700 Pruneridge Avenue)

Dear Councilmember Becker,

The Santa Clara Residents backing Pruneridge Avenue in the “Laurel Park East” development on Gamblin Drive need your assistance to navigate the City’s policies regarding a dilapidated and dangerous concrete Sound Wall bordering our neighborhood. In the past three years, without external causes, several 16-foot sections of the concrete sound wall have fallen “out of the blue” and crashed to the ground. Each one of these 16-foot sections weighs ~2.4 tons and there are over 800 linear feet of this precariously oriented sound wall along Pruneridge Avenue backing our properties (see photos attached).

At this point, the City’s Engineering Office has initially determined that the sound wall was built outside the developer dedicated right-of-way, and therefore the sound wall is the responsibility of the individual property owners. The City’s Engineering Office has taken this position without any historical knowledge of the original 1976 Sub-division Developer/City of Santa Clara Agreement which would have defined the municipal sound wall maintenance and responsibility.

Based on the following, the Gamblin Drive property owners backing Pruneridge Avenue disagree with the City’s current interpretation of responsibility and request that the City take action to reassess this determination and then remedy this dangerous situation.

- **Precedent** – The County of Santa Clara, on two separate occasions, has removed and repaired fallen or damaged sections of the connecting Precast Concrete Sound Wall (on Pruneridge Avenue); without assigning responsibility to the property owner.
- **Precedent** – The City of Santa Clara removed and disposed of a 16-foot section of the sound wall after it had fallen and replaced it with temporary fencing.
- **Ongoing Maintenance Responsibility** – The City of Santa Clara maintains the developer dedicated Pruneridge Avenue right-of-way landscaping, watering infrastructure, and re-paints the concrete sound wall to coverup graffiti.
- **Municipal Sound Wall vs. Residential Fence** – The Pruneridge Avenue Precast Concrete Sound Wall is seemingly part of the Pruneridge Avenue Municipal Roadway Infrastructure. The City of Santa Clara Planning Dept. approved the design and installation of an industrial precast concrete sound wall; impacted property owners would not have ability to replace or repair these types of structures. Also, the concrete panels have been installed without regard to the abutting property lines; meaning the individual 16-foot sections share adjacent property boundaries.

Myself and the following list of Laurel Park East residents whose properties abut the Pruneridge Avenue concrete sound wall seek assistance from the City of Santa Clara to resolve this problem. Your valued representation and involvement in addressing this matter is greatly appreciated.

Best Regards,



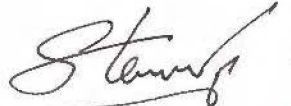
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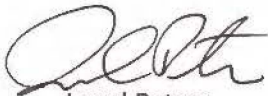
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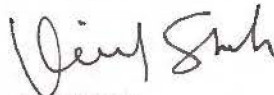
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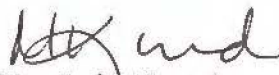
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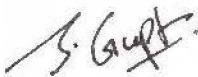
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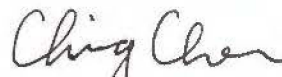
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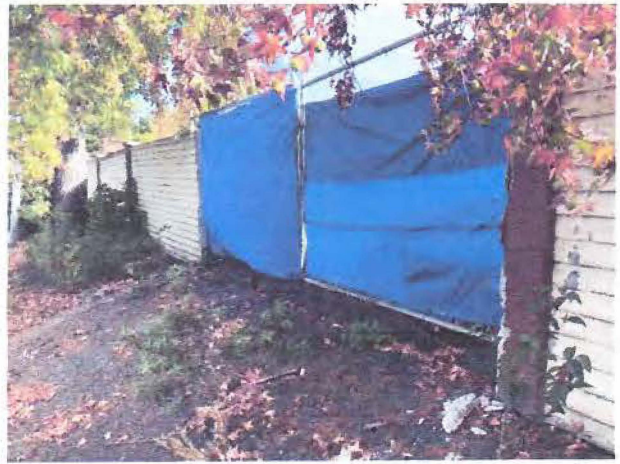
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Subject: Unstable Concrete Sound Wall (2500-2700 Pruneridge Avenue)

Dear Councilmember Becker,

Thank you for getting involved and advocating for a solution with the unstable sound wall bordering our neighborhood. Unfortunately, the response from City Staff regarding the maintenance and responsibility of the sound wall was a duplication of previous communications and fails to address relevant precedent established by both the City of Santa Clara and the County of Santa Clara.

Please allow me to reiterate these points in an attempt to get the City committed to remedy this situation before more sections of the sound wall fall and potentially injure someone.

1. The County of Santa Clara removed and replaced four sections of the concrete sound wall on Pruneridge Avenue (not San Tomas Expressway) that had fallen over or were deemed unstable. This portion of the replaced sound wall was on residential property, lots 59 & 60 and not in a dedicated easement. The County of Santa Clara did this without assigning responsibility to the property owner.
2. For the Laurel Park East Development in 1976, the City of Santa Clara approved the original design and installation of an industrial pre-cast concrete sound wall bordering the neighborhood. Even though this sound wall is located on residential property this type of infrastructure is clearly part of the Pruneridge Avenue municipal roadway and cannot be considered a residential fence that home owners could maintain by themselves. Additionally, the City of Santa Clara removed a fallen section of the wall, installing a temporary fence and the City also regularly paints the wall to remove graffiti.

Mr. Becker, we need your help to elevate a discussion above City Staff to remedy this dangerous situation. Is it possible to make this an Agenda Item for a future Council Meeting to move the discussion forward? Your valued representation and involvement in addressing this matter is greatly appreciated.

Best Regards,

 Nov 8th, 2021

Jared Peters