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To: [Ahluwalia, Charu](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Requesting Denial Of Grading Permit - 14795 East Hills Drive, San Jose - APN: 612-24-015
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Hi Charu,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me this morning and answering all of my questions I really appreciate it!

We are the immediate next door neighbors (14805 East Hills Drive) on the right side if you're facing the front of the property in question at 14795 East Hills Drive.

Our neighborhood is Eastridge Estates above Fleming Ave and wraps around in a loop from East Hills Drive to Reynaud Drive and consists of 43 neighbors who share a very important landmark of the Alum Rock Formation and the Heritage Old Growth Majestic Healthy Oak Tree. We the neighbors have nothing against development and building a house on the vacant lot but it's not necessary to bulldoze and destroy the rock formation and oak tree. They are at the easement close to the edge of the property near the street not interfering with any development of constructing a new home. There is plenty of land available to a house or two without any problem whatsoever.

Back in August 2015 Gary King illegally graded the lot after demolishing the existing home and was proceeding to continue illegally grading more while heading to the rock formation and oak tree. The existing home was demolished in a careless way as to not separate the hazardous waste material and buried it on the lot under the ground which creates a health and safety issue. Gary told me personally that he only wanted the two palm trees to remain and to get rid of everything else on the property to create a totally flat lot to build up to 4 homes.

I'm including photos of how beautiful the rock formation and oak tree are which has extreme aesthetic scenic value to our community including a habitat for endangered and rare wildlife and plants. Over the past 6 years since Gary King tried to illegally grade the lot we've had new neighbors move into our Eastridge Estates Community specifically because of the beauty of our treasured and precious landmark of the Alum Rock formation and Heritage Oak Tree.

In August 2015 the neighbors protested and demonstrated to prevent Gary King and Parker Royale, LLC from illegally destroying our neighborhood by demolishing the rock formation and oak tree without a grading permit. I'm including a link to a video clip of NBC Bay Area of the news story that appeared on their news broadcast. Please watch it and share it with whomever will be making the final decision as to a grading permit to see how passionate the neighbors were to save our landmark. Some of the people and news organizations in attendance at the protest were NBC Bay Area (Robert Handa), KPIX-5 CBS (Len Ramirez), Santa Clara County Development Services - Construction Inspectors Steve Beams and Jerry Guevara, San Jose Mercury Newspaper and the Sheriff's Department. Shortly thereafter we had a neighborhood meeting with over 40 neighbors in attendance including Dave Cortese and other San Jose/Santa Clara County Officials.

Thank you for your kind consideration in denying a grading permit and preserving our treasured neighborhood and community.

Sincerely,

Dennis Burt & Marilyn McKnight
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