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From: Lee Thomas <leethomasforcitycouncil@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2019 11:36 AM
To: Calder, Allan
Cc: Kay, Jeff; Liao, Thomas; Richard Pio Roda; Mogensen, Andrew
Subject: For Board of Zoning/Planning Members

Good Morning Mr. Calder,

I request that the letter written in this email below is sent to the BZA/Planning Board today Wednesday June 5, 2019 to ensure they have time to review it and ask any questions prior to tomorrow nights meeting. I respectfully ask for a email confirmation that the letter was emailed to all BZA/Planning Board members today. In addition I ask for a hard copy be given to the Board the night of the meeting.

Dear Board of Zoning/Planning Commission Members,

I write to express my concerns on item PLN 19-0017 on the board's June 6, 2019 agenda. The applicant, a city council member, is seeking retroactive approval for an illegal fence modification.

It is the responsibility of the BZA to uphold and enforce San Leandro's zoning process, procedures and ordinances, and hold citizens, particularly elected officials, accountable for their actions when our laws are violated or blatantly ignored as I believe is the case in this matter.

Some of you may remember in 2017 I applied for a fence modification. I was very careful to adhere to San Leandro's permitting process, zoning laws and ordinances. That process culminated in a public hearing at the Board of Zoning where the current applicant spoke on the matter.

Councilmember Aguilar spoke at that public hearing, taking a position on my fence modification permit. At the same time he was extending his own fence without an application, permit, or public notification just three blocks from mine, showing a complete disregard for city ordinances.

Tonight he is before you requesting retroactive approval for his illegal 2017 fence modification. I find it difficult to believe that he was unaware of need for a permit in 2017, considering he spoke out at my permit hearing, in the press, and used it as a talking point in his 2018 campaign.

This leads me to conclude Councilmember Aguilar does not believe the rules apply to him or he thinks it is easier to ask forgiveness than permission. Either is unacceptable, and both are unbecoming of an elected official.

Your job is not an easy one. I encourage you to send a message to residents of San Leandro that building and construction without a permit will not be tolerated, and that no one, especially a city councilmember, is above the law.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter and thank your for you hard work on the BZA. Feel free contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
Lee Thomas

Mogensen, Andrew

From: Calder, Allan
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2019 10:34 AM
To: Mogensen, Andrew
Subject: Fwd: Letter to the Editor

Fyi

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From: Diana Souza <diana_souza@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2019 10:29:46 AM
To: Calder, Allan
Subject: Fw: Letter to the Editor

Please distribute a copy of my letter to the Editor to all the Board of Zoning Adjustment members for their deliberation on the project.

Thanks,
Diana Souza

From: Diana Souza <diana_souza@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2019 8:29 AM
To: Jim EBPublishing; letters@ebpublishing.com
Subject: Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

A short time ago now Councilmember Victor Aguilar openly came out in strong opposition of then Councilmember Lee Thomas' application for an fence modification. Now, Councilmember Victor Aguilar is applying for his own similar fence modification! You might recall the Times article where Councilmember Aguilar admitted he was not even aware that he needed to get approval to extend his fence. Really, Councilmember Aguilar, then a sitting Trustee on the San Leandro School Board, and who was working on his campaign to run for City Council, did not think to see if the same ordinance applied to his fence extension? Or was he hoping that he would not need to comply with the process if he got his fence built before the City knows? What does it tell you about his character and commitment to our Cities ordinances and processes?

Today, Thursday June 6, 2019, the San Leandro Planning Commission & Board of Zoning Adjustments will be considering Councilmember Aguilar's fence modification. With the same issues and concerns outline before them, why should they approve his request when he opposed one just like his?

Diana Souza

Calder, Allan

From: George Banyas <gbanya@pacbell.net>
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 7:22 PM
To: Calder, Allan
Subject: Victor Aguilar Public Hearing

Allan, My name is George Banyas. I reside at 950 Crespi Drive, San Leandro. The front yard of my home is directly to the South side of Victor's rear yard. Prior to installing the fence in question, Victor advised my wife and I of his intentions to do so. He requested our input and asked if we had any objections with the fence extending to it's current location. We supported the construction, thinking it would afford us a more private front yard, while enhancing the look of Victor's large side yard. We were unable to envision any negative impact to street view from Crespi Drive to NB traffic on Monterey Blvd.

If any neighbor would have an obvious objection, it would be us, as our yard would have the fence extension along the property line, shielding it from view of Monterrey Blvd. This is not the case. We feel the fence project enhances what would be an otherwise large expanse of lawn. browning over in the summer months, due to water use limitations.

Due to prior commitments, we will be unable to attend the Commission and Board meeting. Please enter this as our record of support for Victors Property Enhancement Project.

Respectfully Submitted,

George Banyas
950 Crespi Drive
San Leandro CA, 94578

Mogensen, Andrew

From: Darryl Shields <shields200@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2019 4:01 PM
To: Mogensen, Andrew
Subject: 4022 MONTEREY BLVD. SAN LEANDRO, CA 94578

When the city requires a permit for projects on your residence, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to be in compliance. It is our opinion that the modification should not be granted. I WOULD LIKE TO STAY ANONYMOUS.