

## **Molinar, Tess**

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**From:** Driver, Jennifer  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2020 3:33 PM  
**To:** Yu, Beilin; Sinclair, David; Molinar, Tess  
**Subject:** FW: Objection to Proposed Variance at 1265 Chateau Road

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From: Martha Fitzpatrick <marthafitz@me.com>  
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Dear Ms. Driver,

I very strongly object to this proposal to permit a six-foot fence within the front yard of 1265 Chateau Road. It's completely out of character with the neighborhood. A few thoughts stemming from my vantage point at 1281 Chateau Road, to the west and across the cul-de-sac from 1265:

I don't personally know Mr. Hadiran Sridjaja, on whose behalf the application is filed. It's my understanding he is an absentee owner and doesn't reside there most of the time, if ever. Since he bought the property a couple of years ago the yard has become dead and derelict, with apparently no effort to improve it. Last year I observed a broken sprinkler, a geyser gushing water into the road, not onto the planting, which went on for many weeks at 5 a.m. I had no way to contact anyone about the problem as no one ever seemed to be there. However, quite by luck, one day I was on Chateau and saw a woman drive up to and unlock the gate, I and was able to speak with her. She told me she managed the property for the owner, her brother (and had wondered about the astronomical water bills she had been paying).

My first thought, then, when I saw the notice, was to wonder if the mysterious owner wants to hide the hide the unkempt yard from himself, with the added privacy bonus of a six-foot fence, and let everyone else continue to "enjoy" his weeds.

My opinions are based on what I see daily as I go down my driveway. I don't know if plans for any future fence might include landscaping the eyesore, but I would hope so. As a possible solution, how about six feet (or more) of suitable planting? Perfectly to code. No need for this variance which I see creating a further blight on 1265 and the surrounding area.

Finally, I respectfully suggest the hearing officer come out prior to the June 3rd hearing and and walk the periphery of the property. An in-person visit would perfectly clarify what I've said here.

Thank you.

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