

To: Planning Board Members

From: Margaret Romero
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Re: Variance Requested for 2616 Harris Ave.

I am the property owner of the vacant lot (2614) directly next to the subject property. In addition, I am the trustee for the residential property next (2612) to the vacant lot, and the owner of the vacant lot (2610) to the west of the residential property.

I introduced myself to the owners of 2616 shortly after they purchased the property and made sure they had my contact information as the residential property is rented out. They owners of 2616 know that I know all the residents of that block and almost all of them also have my personal contact information.

My concerns revolve around the good neighbor policy. I had mistakenly assumed that the owners had obtained all the proper permits for the modifications they made to the property – being that they own an electrical contracting business. Of particular concern was the generator installed right next to my property. The tenants of the rental had to endure noxious fumes each time their generator was in operation – they either had to leave the property or close the windows and endure the heat when the power was out in the neighborhood. The neighborhood also endured, Mondays thru Friday, their several trucks and business vehicles constantly up and down - appearing that they were running their business out of their home while using a different address on their city license.

I am planning to ultimately develop the two vacant SF lots with a residence on each. To that point, I want a written agreement to state that

- any and all pumps (pool and otherwise), generators, and/or motor driven equipment be placed on the east side of their property
- the proposed swale near their western fence be located on the east side of their property (canal side).

To have this agreement in place will contribute to the “quality of life” enjoyment by the residents on the properties I own or for which I am trustee and preclude future annoyances, nuisances, and frustrations.

I ask that the 2616 request be denied until such an agreement is reached and recorded by your board.

I have attended two meetings for which the applicants chose to postpone their request. I will not be in attendance on Thursday, January 21 since I will be out of town for eye surgery. I had planned to attend the last meeting, but I was with City of Key West EMS personnel on an emergency call and that call had to be the priority.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.