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I will be attending the hearing this evening in support of the homeowner, Elena, D'Orio, at the above address. I listened to the hearing in April and I believe that she was treated very unfairly. Please see enclosed statement and recent pictures of homes in the California Heights neighborhood and you will see that many homes have built walls and made enhancements that are not within the criteria that the Cultural Heritage Commission would approve, yet because NO ONE calls and reports them, they are able to live in peace and enjoy their homes. I would hope that the members see fit to take this into consideration at this evenings hearing.

Thank you.

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From: Cindi Milrad [REDACTED]
To: cultural.heritage@longbeach.gov
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022, 09:26:55 PM PDT
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To All--

My name is Cindi Milrad and I live on Lime Ave in California Heights. I bought my home in 2018 and my first project was to build a fence and gate to ensure the safety of my dogs. At the time of my purchase, there was nothing separating my back yard from my neighbors. When I informed my neighbor of my intent to have a fence built, she did not like that idea, and told me I could not do it. She even tried to tell me that my garage was on her property.

Undeterred, I proceeded to start the process with a survey to determine my property line and made many visits to the city to gather information and get my COA.

Presenting my photos of a horizontal slatted fence I wanted to build, I was informed by the person who grants the COA that a horizontal slatted fence is strictly forbidden in the historical neighborhood. I could only put up a standard vertical slatted fence.

Since my neighbor was against me putting up a fence in the first place, this started a process of whatever I did to my home was a red flag for her to pick up the phone and call the city. One such time, I came home to find a notice on my door that I would be fined \$1000.00 per day for work that was being done on my home. Little did she know I had already had the COA in place.

I recount my story as it coincides with Ms. D'Orio's situation and how the city seems to target only the people that have a disgruntled neighbor. It is usually someone they live right next door to.

I walk my dogs up and down the streets of Cal Heights twice daily. I take note of what people are doing to their homes and what has been done. I have compiled pictures of the numerous front walls that are nowhere near as nice as Ms. D'Orio's, and some are downright ugly. But obviously the neighbors are fine with it, and they don't pick up the phone and turn in their neighbors.

So, it seems like that is the rule in Cal Heights. If you have nice neighbors that mind their own business, you can do work on your home and no one will bother you, have a notice put on your door, or even worse, embarrass you by having the City put up a giant public notice on your front lawn.

If the Cultural Commission wants to be just and fair, they need to drive up and down the streets to see what errors they find, instead of just targeting the homes of people that have been turned in by their disgruntled neighbors.

In addition, whatever offense you seem to feel she has committed, she has paid a fine of \$1000.00 already, and there is no denying her house looks beautiful and well kept. She has received numerous letters of support from residents on her street, so in light of all those factors, don't you feel she should be left alone already to live in her home in peace? I know this has to have caused major stress and it seems to border on harassment.

I live across the street from homeowners that have a front yard that has foot tall weeds and is littered with palm fronds that dropped from their trees for months. But, I refuse to call the city and report them. Their front yard is an eyesore and offensive, Ms. D'Orios is not. THAT SHOULD BE YOUR CRITERIA.

And, on a final note, you will see from the photos enclosed of homes in the neighborhood, the "strictly forbidden" horizontal slat fence is all over the neighborhood!

So, obviously, all the people that went ahead and put these up, did NOT obtain a COA.

I am hoping that the Historic Committee takes all these factors in consideration, views the enclosed photos and makes a decision in favor of Ms. D'Orio,

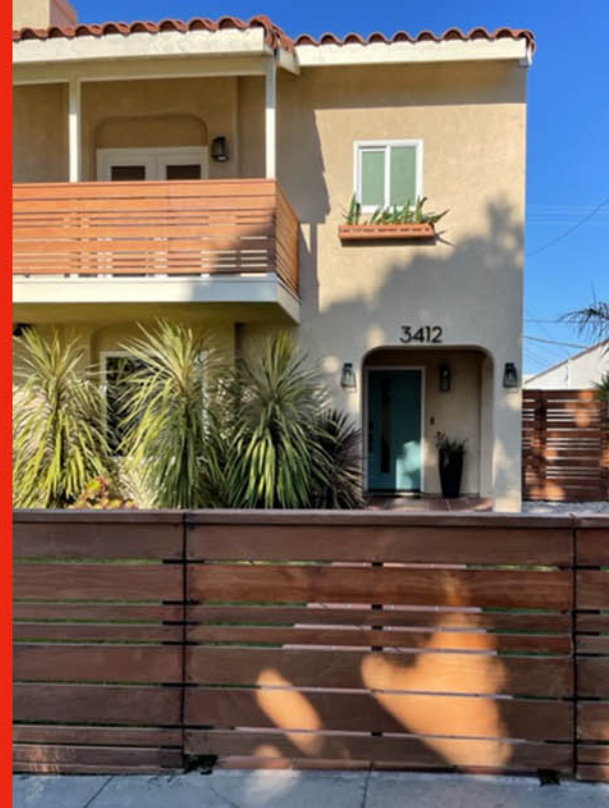
Thank you.

Cindi Milrad

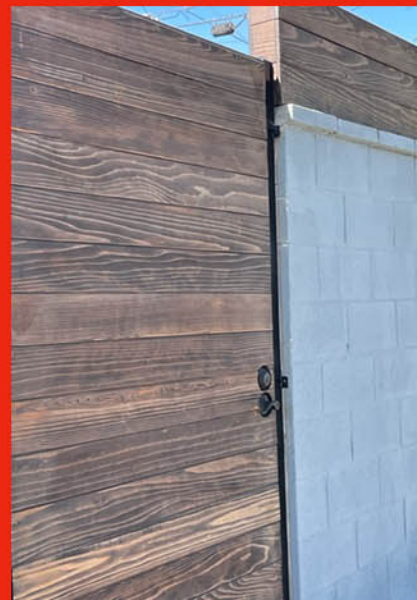
ALL BELOW PICTURES ARE HOMES IN THE CALIFORNIA HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD



**This house recently sold
they widened the driveway
AND installed horizontal fencing**



**This is the fence type
that I was told is
STRICTLY FORBIDDEN
in the Cal Heights
neighborhood**



Horizontal slat fence

