



Good morning Mr. Nunez,

I want to express my concerns and complaints about a property that was once a home in our neighborhood and was transformed into a church. The address is 11807 Laurel, Bowie Rd. Laurel, Md.. 20708, and the listed name of the property is Giac Son Temple.

The house was purchased from Evelyn Barton on 12/17/2014. She was the owner of our home as well. When we purchased our house from her, she told us that this was family property and the whole side of our street was related.. She said we would fit right in because we were a growing family with a young child. After she sold us her property a few years later her mom began to need more assistance at home and could no longer live in the home at 11807 Laurel Bowie Rd. That was when they put the house on the market. As they did with us, they were looking for a family to move into her mom's house. Ms. Dawn Nguyen falsely presented herself and the monk as husband and wife with kids. Mrs. Barton sold the house to them thinking she was helping a family on 12/17/2014. Dawn and her family purchased the home. She expressed to us that our kids would have playmates because she sold to a family with kids too. That was exciting for us. We were continuing a family environment. She also let us know that the land that the temple plans to add the additional structure was protected property and no one could develop it. So we would always have that open space to let the children play in. There were historic trees removed from the property that house rare birds in Maryland.

In the beginning, they didn't have much going on. Then we started to notice that more and more people were showing up to help clean the property up. They begin to cut out all bushes and shrubbery and replace it with gravel. Then they began to cut down all the trees in the yard. During this time we began to have large amounts of water draining from their property to ours. The water began to flood our basements multiple times. We experienced our backyard transform into a pond. It would be completely saturated with water. Later, we found out that we were experiencing flooding from a landscaper because they removed all the trees and shrubbery that would normally soak up all the water. The water pressure had gotten so bad that it caused our home foundational damage which lead to mold as well. We had to install piping around our house and we had to replace an exterior wall. We called Patricia Freeland at [301-883-6070](tel:301-883-6070) (o), and [240-832-9623](tel:240-832-9623) (c) and filed a complaint. The case number was 17-00117016.

As time went on they began to have extremely large events where they would have commercial-sized greyhound busses arrive and park in front of our homes. Loads of people would exit the buses and go to their property. They had large tents up on the property, with multiple speakers and microphones. It looked like the local circus stopped on our land. They put up foreign flags all over the yard and put up more statues in the yard. They would blast music and sing and chant from 8:30 am until 9:00 or 10:00 pm. They installed a 20-25 foot statue in the backyard (behind my shed). We constantly have random people at all times of day and night, behind our shed kneeling and chanting at the statue. It became too dangerous for my children to go outside in our own backyard to play on our playground because adults that do not live in our community would be behind our yard at the statue. Any and all privacy that we once had in our yard was gone.. People are always walking around that property gardening and chanting, They also turned the detached garage into a kitchen. There is pots and pans and cooking utensils all outside and a refrigerator. A stove or a hotplate must be located inside because they have loads of people stopping by to pick up containers of food. The smells are so bad from the garage that we can't keep our windows open when they are cooking. We have witnessed them disposing their food on our property and we have had to ask them to refrain from dumping food on our property. We had three dogs when they first came and we truly believe that they left food on our property that made our dogs

sick. Two of our dogs passed away from something they got into in the yard. They placed about nine picnic tables outside our bedroom windows and groups of people sit there all hours throughout the day. We can not even open our windows because the groups of people would be sitting and walking right outside our window. We have become prisoners in our home. Our curtains have to be drawn on the side and back of our house at all times just so we can have privacy in our house. They constantly have events day and night. We have no time when there aren't people wandering around their property. We never know if those people are safe or if they are people staking or scouting out our house or family.

This Temple is not conducive to a family or neighborhood environment. We work all day and when we are home we should be able to relax and enjoy our house and yard. Instead, we have people lurking around the house and yard until late in the evening. Our weekends are our days of rest and that's one of the busiest times for the temple. Our days of rest, our weekends, and our family time has been stolen from us. This is unfair and unjust. We purchased our house in 2005. We have lived in this neighborhood for almost a decade before this temple lied its way into our community. They harass us about selling our house. They make statements like, "don't you want your kids to go to school in a better school district." Other people come and say they go to the temple and would love to buy our house so they can live next door. They even had a guy say he was a realtor and he would take the house off our hands. The constant harassment is annoying and intrusive. I can not express enough how our quality of life has decreased since this house turned into a temple, essentially a business. We want to put a stop to this temple expanding.

Additionally:

- The temple has sent people over to my house regularly asking me if I was willing to sell my house. A realtor has come over to my house from the temple telling me they were willing to purchase my property for above market value. People would walk over from the temple in to my yard and say don't you want you children to go to school in a better school district. Implying and enhancing that they want me to move and I am a bad parent for not having them in a higher ranked school district.
- I had conversations with the head monk and he told me they moved in our neighborhood because it was a bad neighborhood and we had evil spirits and their plan is to drive out the evil spirits in the neighborhood.
- I also witnessed them dumping food waste in my backyard. We caught them one time and my mother spoke to them about it. They said they would not dump in our yard anymore. We found areas with piles of clam shells dumped in my backyard. I speculate that my dogs have gotten into some of the food that was dumped on my property. Since they have been here one by one my dogs have fallen ill and I have one out of three dogs left which the last one is ill now.

Thank you attention to this urgent matter.

Best regards,

Leah and Teresa Washington