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“Dear Office of the Clerk of Council”

My Husband Clyde Williams and I, Catherine Williams have the following issues about the proposed building of the Chua Giac Son Buddhist Temple building:

We had to cut down an old growth Oak tree in our side yard as the water smothered it Multiple trees are dying in our front yard from all of the rain as well as the gravel that has washed across the ditch in our front yard and bit by bit gravel is filling in around the trees which will end up smothering them out as well. Every storm is met with more and more branches in the yard.

- their events are met with us having to deal with people parking across what is clearly our driveway entrance.
- their lawyer smirked and told us we would need to be given a schedule of their main events so we could plan our vacations to the beach around it because of the noise and disruptions. This really hit home because we were already leaving as often as possible to get away from the noise and chaos of our street.
- We are concerned about the road being blocked for safe passage of the Fire Department and EMS.
- Multiple calls to the Fire Department for illegal fires being set and numerous calls to the Police Department for unbearable levels of noise were unresolved and our pleas for help resulted in us getting fined for multiple infractions. We were told there was a fear if they didn't come after us the agencies could be sued for racism which with the mixed demographic racially and religiously in our neighborhood would be totally unfounded.
- the only good thing about 2020 was the noise and neighborhood disruptions stopped for a period of time during the lockdown.
- the foundation is cracked all the way around our entire house and cracks have formed in our living room which is getting worse.
- In our main basement we had to install a much more powerful sump pump
- Our back basement steps have been undermined from the water and we have had to install a much second sump pump
- We stopped using our basement living room for living as the constant dampness is forming effervescence on the walls and we have to keep dehumidifiers running most of the year
- With all that has gone on with dumping from their property the safety of using our well for watering our garden needs to be checked for multiple types of chemicals.
- Our emotions at this point have gone from overwhelmed to sadness. We initially thought it was a good thing for the neighborhood to welcome new neighbors. Other neighbors remarked that it was wonderful how multi cultural our neighborhood is and this temple would fit right in. It is upsetting it has not worked out this way.
- I imagine Network for Good who has donated multiple thousands of dollars to this Temple would be highly disappointed with everything that has transpired. The illegal cutting down old growth trees, illegally regrading the land, lying about signs being posted to inform the neighborhood about the additions being built, illegally setting up a kitchen in a shed and lying to the Fire Marshal about their sales, purposely turning amplifiers up to "drive out the evil in the

neighborhood", even after they were told it was greatly affecting a disabled child, constantly bugging everybody about selling our properties because they needed more parking for their Temple has in no way made Chua Giac Son Buddhist Temple a "Good Neighbor".

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