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Fwd: V/L NE of8684 North Valley Flores Dr

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LAFD Brush <lafdbush@lacity.org>
To: Paul Terris <paul.terris@lacity.org>

Sun, May 10, 2020 at 4:01 PM

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From: **Robert Carey** <robertcareyuk@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, May 10, 2020 at 8:14 AM
Subject: V/L NE of8684 North Valley Flores Dr
To: LAFD Brush <lafdbush@lacity.org>

Dear Delia Ibarra

I received your letter May 8th witch does not give me much time to get my new report together.

When I met last year July 11th. I explained the brush clearing was not on my property. Since then I have had the land surveyed confirming my position.

Let me know if you need more information.

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Thank you,

Robert Carey
818 635 2463

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LAUREL CANYON BLVD

JOVENITA CANYON DR

Generalized Zoning

Terms & Conditions

0.02 Miles
100 Feet

RE40

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UP TO GATE

Bush Clearance

Bush Clearance



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05/21/2020

City of Los Angeles
Department of City Planning



Address: undefined

APN: 2017018032

PIN #: 195A091 146

Tract: TR 9889

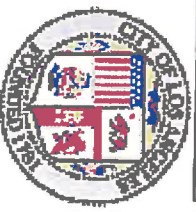
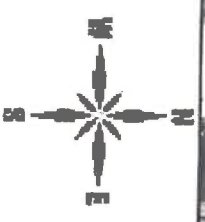
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Lot: 16

Arb: 2

Zoning: RE20-1

General Plan: Very Low | Residential

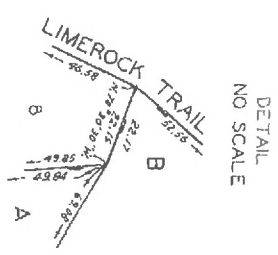


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Los Angeles Fire Department Brush Clearance Team

May 11, 2020

Re: Package No 2017183008 – Jovenita Laurel Canyon Investors, LLC

Dear LAFD Team:

First of all, thank you to your team for meeting with our team back in August and thank you and the rest of the department's service that you provide to Angelenos. The appreciation we as citizens have for first responders in this strange time cannot be understated. I hope everyone in the LAFD family is staying safe.

We found the interaction with your team to be first class and spirited and we respect what your team does immeasurably. We take our obligation as landowners extremely seriously order to make sure that we always go beyond our part in preventing residential brush fires.

We received the Report and Proposed Decision and we appreciate the spirit of the fees you waived in consideration of the evidence we presented. Reducing substantially the total assessments from approximately \$36,200 to \$18,500, and therefore getting the proposed assessment down by approximately 50% is certainly a nice gesture; however, we actually **did** do the work that we were then charged for via these levies at **an order of magnitude higher** (i.e. 10x what we normally pay) than what we pay each year. While \$18,500 is a respectful travel distance from the approximately \$36,200 levied on us, it is a far cry from the \$3,500 to \$5,000 we have paid each year that we owned the property for.

We have receipts for doing the work on all the properties which consistently costs approximately \$3,750 for all of the work. In fact, the same team we used the last few years was there this past weekend doing the weed and brush control at that price.

We have 2 new pieces of evidence that we are submitting for your review. They include:

- (1) A hand drawn map that has been submitted to the contractor each year prior to them clearing and trimming the brush and weeds evidencing that they know which parcels to trim.
- (2) The invoice amount of \$3,850 submitted from the Mavrick Co, numbered 4881-J and dated 6/30/2017, which indicates that work was done in the beginning of May.

In conclusion, we would like to say thank you for reducing the levies, however we actually did perform all of this work, as we always have, and to be billed \$18,500 for something we already performed and paid for is an extreme miscarriage of justice. We are also facing enormous hardship on the properties due to COVID-19 as the tenant has been unable to pay April or May rent, and has indicated they may go out of business. We respectfully request that you either

eliminate these levies altogether, or alternatively reduce them to an amount that is in the ballpark of what we actually pay each year to do this work, which is typically \$3,700 or so.

Thank you for reviewing the new information provided.

Thank you in advance for considering our request.

Thank you for protecting our city.

Respectfully,



Adam Frank
Representative of Jovenita Laurel Canyon Investors, LLC

Enclosures: 2 new pieces of evidence

THE MAVRICK COMPANY
415 30th St.
Newport Beach, CA 92663

Invoice

4881-J
6/30/2017

Bill to:
JOVENITA CANYON LAUREL INVESTORS
2356 LAUREL CANYON
LOS ANGELES, CA 90046

Work Description:
Annual Brush Clearance
- Work Completed from May 4th through May 13th

- Annual Brush Clearance at:		AMOUNT
- 8020 Jovenita Canyon Dr. Los Angeles		
- 8021 Jovenita Canyon Dr. Los Angeles		
- 8017 Jovenita Canyon Dr. Los Angeles		
- 2360 Laurel Canyon Blvd. Los Angeles		
- 2356 Laurel Canyon Blvd. Los Angeles		
And adjacent open land lots.		
TOTAL		\$ 3,850.00