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Simrat Dhadli

From: Meng Tung Lim <mtlim888@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2020 1:09 PM
To: Public Comment
Cc: Raj Chahal
Subject: 1731 Roll Street, Santa Clara, CA -- Case 20538 Lower sewer lateral damaged causing by city tree root intrusion

Dear City council members

I heard of the story of 1731 Roll Street, Santa Clara, CA lower sewer lateral blockage issue. Both the upper and lower lateral were damage by the city tree roots intrusion resulting for the Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO). The Owner of the property is trying to seek financial help from the City to help to pay for the cost of repair to the lower sewer lateral. The Owner had paid over \$4,000 for the repair of the upper lateral 5 years ago.

The neighbors in Roll Street are supporting the owner of 1731 to seek help from the City of Santa Clara to help to reduce the financial burden to share part of the cost or pay for the full cost to repair the lower lateral

Thanks

Rgds
Choon Mei

Residents of Roll Street

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From: Lydia Pacada <lpacada@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 1:02 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: 1731 Roll Street, Santa Clara, CA -- Case 20-538 Lower sewer lateral damaged causing by city tree root intrusion

Dear City council members

I heard of the story of 1731 Roll Street, Santa Clara, CA lower sewer lateral blockage issue. Both the upper and lower lateral were damage by the city tree roots intrusion resulting for the Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO). The Owner of the property is very stressful and depressed by the lateral blockage/stoppage causing lots of inconveniences to the owner over the sewer backup/overflow incidents over the years. The Owner had paid over \$4,000 for the repair of the upper lateral 5 years ago.

The neighbors in Roll Street are supporting the owner of 1731 to seek help from the City of Santa Clara to help to reduce the financial burden to share part of the cost or pay for the full cost to repair the lower lateral.

Thanks

Regards
Lydia Pacada

Residents of Roll Street

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From: Lay Chee <lc_usa@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 4:04 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Reference : Case 20-514 and 20-538 1731 Roll ST, Santa Clara, CA Lower Sewer Lateral Claim

Dear City council members

Reference : Case 20-514 and 20-538 1731 Roll ST, Santa Clara, CA Lower Sewer Lateral Claim

I'm a resident of Santa Clara City and I'm writing to support the owner of 1731 Roll Street, Santa Clara of their request for financial support from the City of Santa Clara to repair the lower lateral blockage issue. My understanding is that the blockage is due to the city tree root intrusion resulting in the Sanitary Sewer Overflow. A few years ago, the owner had took responsibility and paid out of pocket to repair the upper lateral blockage due to root intrusion within his property. This time the damage/blockage is within the city limit where the damage is caused by the same city tree. It does not make sense that the resident has to fully pay for the high repair cost which is clearly not of their fault.

I'm in support that City of Santa Clara should review to change the code where a resident should not be burdened with high repair cost on damages of any city property caused by another city asset/property.

Thanks and regards,
Lay

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From: Meng Tung Lim <mtlim888@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:25 PM
To: Man_M_Vu@amat.com; Public Comment
Cc: Raj Chahal; Raj Chahal
Subject: Re: Letter to SCLA City, Let me know need to change or add anything.

Hi Man

Thanks for your comment.

Raj - Man is my neighbor on my right hand side at 1755 Roll Street.

Thanks

Rgds
Meng Lim

On Monday, May 11, 2020, 04:53:39 PM PDT, <man_m_vu@amat.com> wrote:

Our neighbor live on 1731 Roll Street, Santa Clara has encountered broken lower sewer lateral pipe caused by city tree roots intrusion. The broken sewer pipe was from his property line to city main drain in the middle of the road 9 feet underground. Total cost is \$12000 for repair and permit fees. These costs will have big burden to their financial situation and tough during the Covid-19 pandemic. Please consider waving the permit fees and sharing or reducing the repair costs. Please let me know if you have any question at 408-859-6684 and my address is 1755 Roll street, Santa Clara.

Thank you, stay safe and healthy.

Regards,

Man

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Julie Minot

From: Pat Walsh <kahunawalsh@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 9:27 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Cc: Raj Chahal
Subject: Agenda # 20-514

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

My name is Pat Walsh. I live at 1688 Roll Street. I have been a resident of Santa Clara for 43 years. I am writing in support of the issue my council member, Raj Chahal, has brought up for review at today's meeting, agenda # 20-514. It seems to me that if it is a city tree that is causing the damage, the city should bear responsibility for the cost of the repairs, not the person residing in the house. Council member Chahal has done his research, and other local municipalities have clear policies that protect the homeowner from liability if the damage was caused by a city planted tree. I believe it should be the policy of the City of Santa Clara to do the same.

Respectfully yours,
Pat Walsh

kahunawalsh@gmail.com
408-242-7531

Sent from my iPhone

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Julie Minot

From: Abhijeet Joshi <joshi22@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 10:12 PM
To: Mayor and Council; rajchahal@gmail.com
Subject: Agenda # 20-514

Respected Mayor and Council Members,

My name is Abhijeet Joshi . I live at 1687 Roll Street. I have been a resident of Santa Clara for 4 years. I am writing in support of the issue my council member, Raj Chahal, has brought up for review at today's meeting, agenda # 20-514. It seems to me that if it is a city tree that is causing the damage, the city should bear responsibility for the cost of the repairs, not the person residing in the house. Council member Chahal has done his research, and other local municipalities have clear policies that protect the homeowner from liability if the damage was caused by a city planted tree. I believe it should be the policy of the City of Santa Clara to do the same.

We want encourage people to plant trees in their front yard. It helps our environment. We owe it to our mother earth. This kind of precedence will be discouraging from planting the city trees. We want Santa Clara to be green. Hope that Santa Clara city can bear the liability.

Sincerely,
Abhijeet Joshi

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