

June 8, 2018

Marilyn Myers

13597 Audrey Lane

Largo, Fl. 33771

**RE: Case # Z/LU-11-6-18** Pinellas Auto Sales' request for rezoning of property

I am opposed to this request because the property directly abuts my residential property and could affect the value of my property, which my family has called home for nearly thirty-eight years.

I am in possession of an audio cassette, of a Board of Adjustment meeting back on June 4, 1997. The prior owner was trying to have the property rezoned and was denied. Furthermore, a commissioner stated that the property would remain zoned residential and no further requests should be brought before the Board. I am awaiting written transcript of this tape, which I just requested from the Pinellas County Governments' Public Records Department.

From records obtained online, it appears that the current owner purchased this property on March 10, 2016. I started contacting Code Enforcement and Environmental departments because trees were being cleared from the lots on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. I have detailed records of these communications, if needed.

I spoke to Neil (over the fence) and asked him what he was doing and he said that they were going to park cars on the land. I told him that I didn't think that he could park unlicensed vehicles on residential property and that he may have been duped by the previous owner, Mr. Farese, who had tried several times to get the property rezoned. Neil continued to have trees removed, despite residential zoning laws that were in force.

I also started taking pictures from my yard, of the property, which was not being cleared for the purpose of building a home. I have attached an envelope containing pictures and will have more, which can be viewed on the overhead at the June 13<sup>th</sup> hearing.

The trees and foliage had afforded the residents on Audrey Lane a buffer against wind, dust, and noise. It is now gone. It has been replaced with trash, box trucks, and a dilapidated "garage" on a trailer, junk cars and some sort of large tank, lying rusted on the ground. The property has not maintained according to current residential zoning standards. And at times the weeds grew as high, or higher than my fence. At some point gravel was brought in, further changing the landscape of the residential property in question.

Hurricane Irma hit the Tampa Bay area on the night of September 10, 2017. Trees from Neil's property were uprooted and toppled in a domino effect, to take down part of my wooden fence and eventually landing in and on my south neighbor's fence, shed and property. When the fences came down, it revealed that there were several more vehicles, tree stumps and debris on Neil's residentially zoned property.

I called a few tree removal services, most of which were already booked because of the storm.

Neil drove over and came to my front door to make sure that I knew that he was not financially responsible for the trees coming down and damaging our property; it was "mother nature's" act. I reassured him that I knew. He suggested a plan, that included my neighbor and I giving him money to buy heavy duty chain saws that he would have his car repair crew would use to cut/remove the downed trees. When asked what he would do with the chain saws, he said that he would retain ownership. Verbal barbs were exchanged and he said that his lawyer was most certain that he would be able to win any zoning hearing to come up. He said that he would come back to get our response to his plan.

When he returned the next day for our answer, my daughter Suzanne Kennedy, told him that he was going to deal with her and not upset her mother again. I took an offensive posture and asked him how he disposed of his used oil (I had seen oil bottles on the ground) and he said that they put it in a 55 gallon drums for removal.

He returned a third day and said that at least two of his employees had seen my daughter and I looking into his dumpster. I tried to assure him that we had not been on his property any further than the fallen tree and fence areas. Shortly after, a Sheriff's Deputy cut through our back property and came to the front door. I was being accused of being on Neil's property, down at the dumpster and going through it! I tried to assure the Deputy, that we had not been there. He insisted on giving me a verbal order to not go onto Neil's property *again* and we asked him to tell Neil to stay off of our property.

I hired a professional tree removal service, ordered new PVC fencing to be installed by Lowe's, and a ground grading company to aid in the problem of flooding, possibly caused because so many trees being removed, that used to absorb the water.

When I received the notice for rezoning, I took many pictures over my fence, of Neil's residentially zoned property. As you can see, he has owned this property for a little more than two years and is still not complying with zoning restrictions. I therefore have no reason to believe that if you grant his petition, that he would comply with any restraints that may be added to the rezoning agreement.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter. I trust that the Board will continue to do the right thing.

Respectfully,

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TO: Pinellas County Planning and Development Zoning Division

RE: Case # Z/LU-11-06-18

I am the owner of the property directly east of the subject property. I am strongly opposed to rezoning the back of this property to Commercial use.

It is completely surrounded by residential property, with the exception of the north end, which does have commercial property. The north of the property is a cell phone tower which is completely fenced in and acts as a buffer between the residences and additional commercial property to the north.

Regarding the owner requesting to store vehicles on the north portion of the property, enclosed are a few photographs I took of the various inventory he is currently storing on the property, in violation of property restrictions. Basically, we do not need a junkyard on that property.

Thank you for your consideration.



Charles Johnson  
(owner of 13584 W. Rena Dr., Largo)



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