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To: Charlene Tim <charlene.tim@edcgov.us>

Wed, Aug 12, 2015 at 8:57 AM

Hi Char,

Please see email.

Thanks, Debbie

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From: emartin@tunnelectric.com <emartin@tunnelectric.com>

Date: Tue, Aug 11, 2015 at 5:55 PM

Subject: S78-0016/Tunnel Electric Kendra Martin letter, and email from new neighbor 3980 mineshaft ct.

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Please add these to the public comments of the revocation hearing.

An email from the neighbor who bought Charlton's house at 3980 Mineshaft Court, and a Letter from Kendra Martin to the planning commission.

Thanks,

Erik Martin

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Edcgov.us Mail - Fwd: S78-0016/Tunnel Electric Kendra Martin letter, and email from new neighbor 3980 mineshaft ct.



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To The Planning Commission,

My name is Kendra Martin. I have lived at 3962 Mineshaft Ct. since Erik & I were married in 2013. 3962 Mineshaft Ct. isn't only where we run our business from, it's where our family lives. It's where we spent our wedding night, where we brought our son home from the hospital to. In the Spring it is where, God willing we will also bring our 2<sup>nd</sup> baby home to. It's where Maverick had all of his 1sts, where I have spent endless sleepless nights both rocking him to sleep and fretting the fate of our future. Any conversation of future plans in our home inevitably start out "Depending on what the county decides to do..."

The time leading up to the last meeting was agony. The up side was we believed we would leave with some kind of resolution. Instead we have had months of torture. I sincerely don't understand how our SUP could possibly be in question. John Mirande was a business man. There is no question about that. I never knew him but in meeting so many people who did it's obvious the man was savvy, always ready to use his resources to help someone out and always on the lookout for a profit. There is also no question that he ran his business from his home. The back bedroom where his office was still had the peg board with all the key labels on it when I moved in. Why are we here?

One email from Margaret Mirande derailed our future. Read her 1<sup>st</sup> letter and last email side by side. There is so much unsaid and so much being speculated. Yet there are numerous people stating their dealings with John (not Margaret) and his business. Erik asked Margaret to write the 1<sup>st</sup> letter and never gave it a second thought because he knew personally that John was running his business dealing from the property.

The last email was a surprise to us. It was addressed to Mark Charlton and CC to Aaron Mount. Apparently Mark and or Susan contacted

Margaret. They also campaigned through our neighborhood with false, defamatory, misleading information. They used a cease and desist letter from the county they knew from their communication with Aaron Mount had already been rescinded. In their slideshow presentation they used multiple photographs of the same trucks passing them off as different trucks. One truck was used 5 times. Notice how none of their photographs had dates. They used photos that were completely unrelated to our property. One was of roofing material for a house on Mineshaft lane. It never traveled down Mineshaft court. They knew that because they took the picture. We know that because we don't have a new roof and recognized Rex's house in the background but how are you to know that? They told anyone who would listen that Mineshaft court was "their road," not true. Unless you are familiar with the road easement you wouldn't know that. They continuously make assumptions and report them as fact. Their most recent letter to Aaron Mount states we have an employee and his wife living with us and are expanding our business. All not true. We have to defend ourselves against their accusations but they get to continue making them with zero accountability. The Charlton's are proven capable of using information known to be false to gain support for their crusade. Who knows what they were selling Margaret? Their persistence and tenacity are well document. Mark has made the claim that he didn't know Erik was running a business until he retired. He expects you to believe this. When this fiasco started I asked Erik "What did you do to these people to upset them?" His response then and now is the same, He has no idea. He is now home more, but in the past he was gone more than he was home. I have tried to understand why they are so bothered. My guess, again this is only a guess, is any traffic on Mineshaft Court was disruptive to Susan's gardening. The Charlton's placement of flower beds and fruit trees encroaching in the road easement is pivotal. Yes,

it's a common occurrence. In this case it's a huge factor. Susan Charlton is an avid gardener. She worked hours upon hours, dawn to dusk some days outside doing yardwork. She crisscrossed the road continuously with her wheel barrel hauling weeds and mulch. By having her plantings so close to the road and being so attentive to them meant every car that passes was up close and personal. Many times we would have to stop until she moved aside. Had they respected the easement and conducted their gardening at an appropriate distance the comings and goings on Mineshaft Ct. wouldn't be as impactful. After Mark retired he was home to hear her report each passing vehicle. Regardless of their reasoning, there is no excuse for their actions.

The whole reason my husband purchased the property was because he had worked for John both at his home and other locations. Erik was very familiar with the lot and the SUP which John had boasted to him about. I don't even think that when the SUP was issued there was any verbiage on the books regarding expiration after a year of non- use. Again, I ask, why are we here?

Why has one bully neighbor been allowed so much power? In the past 3 years I think every government agency except the animal control and CPS have been out to our home. In all honesty, if CPS or animal control knocked on my door tomorrow I would not be surprised. Living under constant surveillance is unnerving to say the least. Please put yourselves in our position for a moment and think about how you would feel if your family's every movement was being watched? Deliveries were constantly stopped... not just flagged down, STOPPED. Not only deliveries for the business but the Safeway grocery truck, wedding gifts, and baby furniture.

When I was about 7 months pregnant we were getting the guest house ready for my mother's visit once the baby was arrived. Into my 8<sup>th</sup> month we had a pipe burst and cause severe water damage. It was so bad that Erik didn't want me seeing it until it was put back together. The end product was much nicer than it was before. Wouldn't you know it, mysteriously someone called County enforcement about the repairs. The Mirande's had the structure permitted but not the living quarters.

Like all bullies when you stand up to them they run. Defending ourselves has been an enormous burden both financially and emotionally. We have spent over \$50,000.00 in 3 years, we are fortunate to have funds in reserve and strength from our faith. I would much rather use our savings for our children's college fund. If we were a less successful operation this would have forced us to move and that would be a tragic shame.

Having new neighbors has eased the tension but we still have this mess to clean up. The silver lining in this nightmare has been meeting all of our neighbors. We are so fortunate. They are fantastic. I don't know how to thank them for their support or let them know how their kindness has touched us. I hope you have taken time to read each of their letters of support and note where each person lives in relation to our property. The most intimate neighbors are our strongest supporters. The majority of the rest of the neighborhood didn't even know we had a business in operation until they received the notice of hearing. The title of the notice alone was enough to alarm any neighbor. "Expansion" We aren't expanding. All we are asking is to continue as we have been. The expansion was just to clarify use not add on.

Please look at the big picture and see who your decision will be affecting. If you remove the Charlton's from the equation what are you left with? Erik's & Aaron Hernandez's statements that they worked for John. A letter from the realtor who was involved in the purchase transaction and aware of both the SUP and Erik's intentions for the property at the time of purchase. Even the pool guy wrote a letter stating John ran his business from his residence.

The phrase "Industrial park" was thrown around at the last meeting. I welcome anyone to visit and then you will understand the absurdity of that label. Industrial parks aren't littered with Tonka trucks, tricycles, swings, and pack-n-plays. My son wanders the yard all day. He is my miracle boy. There is no imaginable way I would put him in harm's way.

My husband has worked his whole life to build a reputation based on talent and ethics. His word is better than any contract. He is the BEST in his field and is highly respected by his peers. He is the American dream realized.

I hope to be able to make plans for our future and have those plans take life in Shingle Springs on Mineshaft Ct. This is where we want to work and watch our business thrive and our family expand. I hope to be a Bruin mom someday. Our fate lies in your decisions. Your position is not one I envy but one we rely on. I assume typically your decisions have a substantial impact on large pockets of our community and even our entire county. Your decision today impacts only our family.

Note: I plan on reading an edited version of this letter at the hearing this Thursday. If something comes up and I am unable to read or attend I want you all to hear from me directly.

Sincerely,

Kendra Martin

*Kendra Martin*  
8-11-15

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**From:** Janet Norris <jnorris707@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 3:54 PM  
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**Subject:** Special Use Permit 78-16

Re: 3962 Mineshaft Ct., Shingle Springs  
Tunnel Electric

We moved to 3980 Mineshaft Court, in Shingle Springs, about 3 weeks ago. Eric and Kendra Martin are our next door neighbors. In the time we have been here, we have not experienced any issues with noise either from their business site or from vehicles that occasionally may need to use the road on Mineshaft Court. We have no objection to the running of their business from this site as it is neither an inconvenience nor an annoyance in any way. If any issue were to arise, they are the type of people who would mitigate any problem immediately. We are very pleased to have them as our neighbors.

Tom and Janet Norris