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Goleta Mayor and City Council Members,

I read the NoozHawk article of January 21, 2020 stating that the council is set to take a final vote on February 18 regarding fences, freestanding walls, and hedges. I feel that the last choices that a property owner has are now being regulated away! I don't live in a planned community. There is no reason for it to look like one. Each property has its own personality. As I look around my neighborhood I see plenty of examples of hedges that would not meet the proposed 6ft-in-front, 8ft-on-the-sides rule. However, all of these hedges have a good reason for being tall. They are all well maintained. Most importantly, the property owners made the choice to have them this height. When I read, "Goleta resident Connie Cornwell said a hedge **next to her home is too tall and is rodent-infested.**" I felt that perhaps you are trying to regulate the wrong thing. If there is a rodent problem, deal with her rodent problem. I am sure there is a way for that to get taken care of without regulating hedge heights for all of us!

The article went on to state that you want to pass a regulation against chainlink fences. I could not believe this! Again, there is no reason for every property to look the same. What works for one person or property does not work for all of us. There are very good reasons for chain link fences. What if one has a back or side property line. with a hedge. There is a need for light and sun to get to the hedge on both sides. Adjoining property owners are happy with the chainlink fence. No need for "big brother" to weigh in. What about a chainlink fence in the front with a hedge? What if someone wants a chainlink fence in their front yard to keep a dog or child in, but still allow it to look out. Again, not a problem. Vinyl, wood, bamboo, stone, chainlink, other, why should anyone have to justify their choice of fence?!

Last time I looked, this was still America. Please don't regulate our last rights away.

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