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To: [City Clerk Group](#)
Subject: Perimeter planting/hedge height ordinance
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Dear Goleta City Council members,

We are writing to you regarding the zoning ordinance that will be discussed in tomorrow's city council meeting. We strongly ask for the inclusion and enforcement of a perimeter planting/hedge height ordinance as part of this zoning. We live at 840 Serenidad Pl. Our neighbor at 830 Serenidad Pl. has been a problem for us and our neighbors over many years. He has planted bushes/trees etc. all around the periphery of his property and let them grow over a very long time. These perimeter plantings are over 40 feet tall and come with major problems for us and neighbors. First of all they are out of character with the neighborhood and Goleta in general. The appearance of these very tall perimeter planting/hedges create a very unfavorable vision and affect the property values in the neighborhood adversely. In addition they block the sun on the south side of our property which leads to rot and molding. That side of the house becomes very difficult to keep warm since sun is blocked all day long. Moreover their roots are all over the place and go under the slab of our house. These lead to expensive foundation repairs. They are also full of dirt, small insects and even the mildest breezes blow them to our property. It is impossible to maintain a lawn in front of our house and fruit trees we had on that side all died. We need help in rectifying this situation. Anybody should be able to have perimeter planting/hedges as long as their height is reasonable and they are maintained. Such rules exist in all the cities around us and are characteristics of well managed cities. I hope you will be responsive to our request. So in summary we would like to see an ordinance that includes height restrictions for perimeter plantings/hedges and enforceable. We would like to see a provision that requires compliance with the ordinance within a reasonable length of time such as 90 days.

Respectfully

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