**From:** Ed De Melo
**To:** Schaaf, Libby
**Subject:** Re: APN 048D7281-052
**Date:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 6:02:07 PM

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Libby,

Sorry for the long email earlier. But a quick question, has the Piedmont Pines or larger Oakland Hills area ever considered seceding from the City of Oakland and either becoming a new city or joining the City of Piedmont?

My reference point is that I lived in Sacramento County and was in an area called Elk Grove that seceded from the County with a ton of improvements in public works, police protection, better city services, etc. with a low cost of leaving the County. The county's argument was that the area was saving by aggregating city services into one government instead of having duplication of effort. But that didnt prove the case and we actually got more control, less bureaucracy and a better response when we have an issue with municipal works or items the city controlled.

Right now I pay ~$2,200 for property taxes on my house in Elk Grove that is worth about $225K. For my lot in the City that is worth about $60K, I pay nearly $1,600, I understand the higher bay area costs but it still doesnt add up...

Would love your thoughts whenever you have some time?

Regards,
Edward De Melo
415-596-6001

On Thu, Feb 20, 2014 at 5:52 PM, Ed De Melo <edemelo@gmail.com> wrote:

> Libby, Mike and Team,
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> Since the email Libby sent out at the beginning of September I have checked in with the City monthly to find out the status of their efforts to understand the landslide at the intersection of Chelton & Chelsea. Six months have passed by and I have yet to see any concrete progress.
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> In October when i met with Gus on Mike's team face to face he stated they would have to hire a GeoTech firm and they expected to hire one by end of November. When I checked with Mike's staff in December I was told they were working thru the contracts with the City Attorney's office and hoped to have something by January. When I reached out to the city at the beginning of January I was told there were comments to the firm the city selected and that they were waiting for those to be agreed to by the GeoTech firm. In late January I reached out to a staff member on Libby's team (Lisa Ruhland) and she stated the City was still working on an agreement with their GeoTech firm. I sent an email to Jaime Herreida on Mike's staff yesterday evening and have yet to hear anything back on a status of the contract.
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> Now I didn't believe that the city would have an answer to me last year but now we are two months into the new year and I see zero movement.

How do I get this escalated and get a concrete timeline on when the City will have assessed the landslide and develop the next steps to fix the slide?

Do I need to go to the full city council and present my case, do I need to go to the mayor, do I need to get my neighbors to sign a petition, do I go to the news, do I need to get a committee of residents in the area to ask in unison for help from the city to get some movement in the right direction?

Please help me understand what a single individual with an issue needs to do to get a fair hearing and resolution to their problem that affects their ability to build a house that the city twice gave planning approval. I see the State of California addressing the landslide affecting 6-8 houses along highway 13(I drive by it daily) and from my understanding they got the larger state government to make a decision and implement a fix in less than 18 months.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me at 415-596-6001.

Regards,
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On Thu, Sep 5, 2013 at 12:38 PM, Schaaf, Libby <LSchaaf@oaklandnet.com> wrote:

> Edward DeMelo purchased APN 048D7281-052 on Girvin to build a home for his family. He went through some planning approvals, but issues regarding the huge 1967 Chelton landslide (right above his property) did not come up. He has since hired engineers whose testing concluded that (1) the city did not adequately repair the hillside to prevent future slides and (2) we have not adequately maintained the drainage system we did install such that his property is now at risk of landslides. This is a complicated problem that should be addressed not just for this property owner but for the safety of this entire neighborhood. I remember the slide very well from my childhood, as I grew up in that neighborhood. I hope we can address this issue not just for the DeMelo family, but for the whole neighborhood.
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> What should Mr. DeMelo's next step be?
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> Best,
> Libby
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> Please sign up for informative newsletter at libbyschaaf.com!

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