

FW: Agenda 3.3, June 4 - Willow Glen Business Association CBID renewal

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Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 8:58 AM
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Sincerely,
Alan Robb

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From: alan robb <[REDACTED]>
To: Groen, Mary Anne <maryanne.groen@sanjoseca.gov>; district6@sanjoseca.gov <district6@sanjoseca.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 at 10:16:24 PM PDT
Subject: Re: Willow Glen Business Association CBID renewal

Dear Ms. Groen and Council Member Davis,

In light of the City Council meeting tomorrow - Tuesday, June 4, I would like to again submit my concerns with the Willow Glen Business Association CBID renewal.

My name is Alan Robb and I own the [REDACTED] property which has been part of the Downtown Willow Glen Community Improvement District (CBID) and Willow Glen Business Association for the last 14 years. The CBID operates the WGBA. Recently, I received a ballot to renew the CBID. I am submitting this letter in opposition to the renewal of the CBID.

Over the years, representatives of the CBID/WGBA have stopped by my business and presented the benefits of the CBID, one of which is tree trimming in the parking strip (the only benefit for my property which is a Dental office). After these visits, I would call the CBID/WGBA to request to have my tree trimmed and was told that it was a city tree and did not qualify. Recently, after another denial to trim my tree, I took the WGBA to small claims court and won a judgement for the costs of trimming my tree facing Minnesota Avenue. The Court determined that tree trimming was a responsibility of the CBID. Ironically, in doing research for my court case, I discovered the President of the WGBA (a major property owner on Lincoln Avenue) had his trees trimmed on Willow street by the CBID/WGBA.

Considering my experience with the CBID/WGBA, I am, needless to say, not in favor of renewing. When I opened the ballot to vote, I realized there was only a YES option. I know that there are other property owners that feel as I do, and how are we to vote against the CBID with only a YES option? When the CBID/WGBA was formed, it included the buildings along Minnesota Avenue to the Library, which I assume made it a benefit for the city to maintain the Library. None of the buildings on Minnesota are retail related which are the types of businesses that benefit most from the CBID/WGBA. Also, there are a few people that own a considerable amount of the represented properties in the CBID/WGBA and consequently, have more influence, benefiting the most from the CBID/WGBA. I realize that because my property is not

involved in retail, I will not receive the benefit of the CBID as others might, but over the years I also believe there was a concerted effort to deny me any benefits; the reason for going to court to enforce my rights. Alternatively, if the City Council is inclined to renew the CBID, it should consider renewal of the CBID with new boundaries excluding the non-retail properties on Minnesota. I would like my property to be removed from the CBID as I believe I am in an unfair situation and being taken advantage of for the benefit of the properties with the greatest influence. Thank you for your help.

Yours truly,

Alan Robb

On Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 05:15:31 PM PST, Groen, Mary Anne <maryanne.groen@sanjoseca.gov> wrote:

Hi Alan,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with Councilmember Davis. I'll make sure she sees this prior to any vote on the CBID renewal.

Best,

Mary Anne Groen

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From: alan robb <[REDACTED]>
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