

# Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Sunshine Task Force Committee will conduct a Special Meeting, at the following time and place, and will address the agenda listed below:

City Hall 455 North Rexford Drive 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room A Beverly Hills, CA 90210

> Monday, July 16, 2018 4:00 p.m.

#### **AGENDA**

- 1) Public Comment
  - a. Members of the public will be given an opportunity to directly address the Committee on items not listed on the agenda.
- 2) Enforcement of Lobbying Violations
- 3) Make searchable on the City's website local election campaign finance data from public records/information (e.g., California Form 460 and candidate's campaign committee). Such searchable access already exists in connection with County, State and Federal elections.
- 4) Adjournment

Byron Pope, City Clerk

Posted: July 10, 2018

# A DETAILED LIAISON AGENDA PACKET IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE LIBRARY AND CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

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July 10th 2018

Dear Sunshine Task Force,

I am concerned that the lobbying violations are not being enforced.

- What good is having these regulations if they are not enforced?
- How can any violators take us and the process seriously if no one is enforcing it?
- What kind of a message does that send?

I have filed 3 complaints over the last year or so-receipt by the City Attorney's office has been acknowledged for all of them and that they were "in process", and then...nothing.

- On May 26<sup>th</sup>2017, I filed a complaint against Ben Reznik pursuant to 1-9-104 concerning an advocate knowingly "deceive(ing) or attempt(ing) to deceive any city official with regard to any material fact pertinent to any proposed or pending legislation" (please see filed complaint below)
- 2. On July 27th 2017, I filed a complaint against Loma Linda for lying about me in an attempt to discredit me during the Hillside Ordinance hearings (please see filed complaint below)
- 3. On February 25<sup>th</sup> 2018, I filed a complaint against Crest Realty for failing to disclose past providing false information and intentionally omitting required disclosures for sanctions in other jurisdictions.

On May 25<sup>th</sup> 2018, I emailed following up and received from Mr. Litvak "We are presently completing our review and will be making a determination." (please see flied complaint attached to this email)

Please note: clearly Crest agreed with me, as after my complaint, they quickly amended their disclosure forms. But that is not the point- the point is that they failed to fill them out correctly in the first place.

#### Exhibit A

Complaint against Ben Reznik filed May 26th 2017.

Dear Mr. Weiner,

I wish to file a complaint pursuant to 1-9-104 concerning an advocate knowingly "deceive(ing) or attempt(ing) to deceive any city official with regard to any material fact pertinent to any proposed or pending legislation"

For the April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Planning Hearing for 1260 Lago Vista Dr, the Applicant's lawyer, Ben Reznik stated in his submitted letter to the City (attached to this email): "Applicant's representatives have

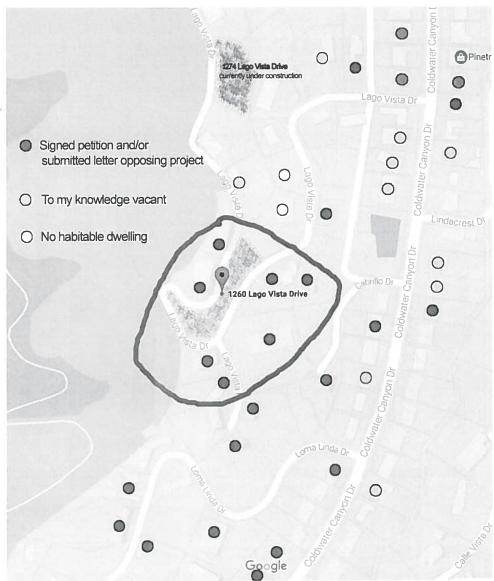
worked hard to engage with the community and to establish personal relationships with the homeowners residing along the Lago Vista route. As a result of this engagement, many neighbors now support this project."

I believe the above to be untrue. To the best of my knowledge:

- 1- The Applicant made zero attempt at Community Outreach before the initial Planning
  Commission hearing was called- they only did so after resident opposition letters were submitted to the City
- 2- A review of the April 19<sup>th</sup> video shows Commissioner Andy Licht asking several of the residents in the immediate vicinity if they had been contacted by the Applicant's representatives about a retaining wall as Jason Somers claimed at the hearing he had spoken to the residents about said wall. They all said no.

Now while this claim was made by Jason, it further supports my position above that the Applicant did not do the outreach claimed by Ben Reznik in his letter.

- a. Julie Glucksman 2:28 she lives right across the street from the developer
  - i. <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/s/nz10wxjz0f3bepw/Julie%20Glucksman%201260%2">https://www.dropbox.com/s/nz10wxjz0f3bepw/Julie%20Glucksman%201260%2</a> OLVD%20Apr%202017.mp4?dl=0
- b. Tom Schulhof 2:39 he lives right across from the development at the end of the very short road Lago Vista Place.
  - i. <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/s/s7wn7ykunqqjcq8/Tom%20Schulhof%201260%20LVD%20Apr%202017.mp4?dl=0">https://www.dropbox.com/s/s7wn7ykunqqjcq8/Tom%20Schulhof%201260%20LVD%20Apr%202017.mp4?dl=0</a>
- c. Jan Martin- 2:45 she is arguably the most impacted- she lives directly across from the project on the curve- "I have been asked nothing"
  - i. <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/s/ksy9jvkqbtbykii/Jan%20Martin%201260%20LVD%20Apr%202017.mp4?dl=0">https://www.dropbox.com/s/ksy9jvkqbtbykii/Jan%20Martin%201260%20LVD%20Apr%202017.mp4?dl=0</a>
- 3- Residents in the immediate area all opposed the project (see map attached to this email)



4- Not one resident on Lago Vista Dr, or anywhere else for that matter, wrote a letter or spoke in support of the project. Therefore, the statement of "many neighbors now support this project" is misleading, and false.

As resident consent, or opposition, to a project is taken into serious consideration by the Planning Commission when approving or denying Hillside R-1 permits, an attempt to mislead the Commission into forming an impression that there is resident support for a project when there is not is egregious. Again, not one resident is on record as supporting the project.

Best Regards,

#### Exhibit B

Complaint against Alan Hearty filed July 27th, 2017.

Dear Mr. Weiner,

I wish to file a complaint pursuant to 1-9-104 concerning an advocate knowingly "deceive(ing) or attempt(ing) to deceive any city official with regard to any material fact pertinent to any proposed or pending legislation" against Alan Hearty- one of the attorneys for the Loma Linda Trust.

During the public comment section at the City Council Meeting 8/16/2016, Mr. Hearty did not speak about the Hillside Ordinance agenda item. Instead, <u>his entire speech focused on me and included false and misleading statements</u> in what appears to be an attempt to discredit me.

- 1- As one can see in the video, Mr. Hearty waits until I finish speaking to immediately then put in his speaker card- this was a calculated move, and his speech was clearly prepared beforehand despite his claims otherwise
- 2- It may seem obvious, but Debbie Weiss was not an agenda item
- 3- Mr Hearty then goes on to make several false and misleading claims about me
  - a. Mr Hearty says "Debbie Weiss did not reveal tonight that she is actually an experienced property developer"
    - i. I am not an experienced property developer, we are building a home in Malibu for my family's private use
  - b. To imply I am hiding the Malibu project is false:
    - i. I am actually the one who told representatives from the Loma Linda team about the Malibu house back in 2014
    - ii. This Malibu project has actually come up before in City hearings in past attempts by their team to discredit me which can be verified by looking at the archived hearing videos
  - c. Whatever illegal grading he references, if done, was done to the property prior to our purchasing it and we are not familiar with it
  - d. Whatever action he is talking about from the Coastal Commission, if taken, was not taken against us and we are not familiar with it
  - e. Comparisons to his client's project are misleading and missing material facts:
    - i. He failed to state that our house will be approximately 10,000 sq feet on a much larger 34 acres compared with their approximately 25,000 square feet on under 2 acres—so any claims that we are building something of a similar nature is false
    - ii. We are not attempting to take public streets or public parking for our own private use like his client tried to

Links to video:

My speech

https://ldrv.ms/v/s!Al6ETsmIVfcuhIRhHrShSyR7Nr klQ

Alan Hearty's speech

https://1drv.ms/v/s!Al6ETsmIVfcuhlRiwENojJrJq-a74w

Presumably, Mr. Hearty did not feel he was able to argue successfully against the merits of the Hillside Ordinance, so instead chose to try to discredit me as a known resident activist.

We firmly believe that the City needs to send a strong message that this type of misinformation and fact twisting will not be tolerated. Beverly Hills residents who stand up for their rights should not be targets of slander.

Please advise on the next steps. And please confirm receipt.

Best Regards,

Debbie Weiss

818 640 0482

Exhibit C (attached to my email)

Complaint against Crest Realty filed February 25th, 2018

Exhibit D (attached to my email)

Confirmation email concerning the Crest Realty complaint from Mr. Litvak May 25th, 2018

Thank you,

**Debbie Weiss** 



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April 14, 2017

# VIA EMAIL (dmohan@beverlyhills.org)

The Hon. Farshid Joe Shooshani Chair, Beverly Hills Planning Commission City of Beverly Hills 455 N. Rexford Drive Beverly Hills, CA 90210 Attention: Dorian Mohan

Re:

1260 Lago Vista Drive

Hillside R-1 Permit (PL1626743) Hearing Date: April 19, 2017

Dear Chair Shooshani, Vice Chair Gordon, and Honorable Members of the Beverly Hills Planning Commission:

This office represents the owner of 1258 and 1260 Lago Vista Drive, Beverly Hills, (the "Property") in connection with its application to construct a single-family home on the Property in full compliance with the Hillside R-1 Permit requirements. We submit this letter in support of the staff report findings, and to urge the Planning Commission to adopt the staff report recommendation that the project be approved with the proposed conditions of approval. The project as proposed is consistent in size, scale and design with most new single-family homes being proposed in the hillside areas, and through the implementation of the conditions proposed by staff and volunteered by applicant, the project will not have a substantial adverse impact on the surrounding community. Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Planning Commission approve this Hillside R-1 Permit consistent with the staff report recommendation.

### PROJECT BACKGROUND

The owner proposes to construct a new, two-story single family home, with basement, on an irregularly shaped .91 acre lot. The new home will be 28'-8" in height, and will include a cumulative floor area of 10,228 square feet. As noted in the staff report, the project was originally conceived and proposed in August of 2015 as a fully by-right home with basement. Due to the highly irregular shape of the lot, the project as designed requires the export of 2,498 square feet of earth materials. As the new home was being reviewed in plan-check, in Chair Shooshani and Honorable April 14, 2017 Page 2

August of 2016, the City Council adopted a new ordinance which reduced the amount of earth export that triggers a Hillside R-1 Permit requirement on a street less than 24 feet wide from 3,000 cubic yards to 1,500 cubic yards. Accordingly, this project, although submitted and fully accepted for plan check, was now required to apply for a Hillside R-1 Permit. Having incurred substantial delays, this applicant is now before you for approval of the Hillside R-1 Permit.

## STAFF REPORT RECOMMENDATION

As noted above, we request the Commission adopt the Staff Report's recommended findings and conditions approving the project's Hillside R-1 Permit. Notwithstanding the ever present concerns relating to dirt hauling, the Staff Report notes several benefits of the Project as designed which will benefit the City, including: (i) new and improved landscaping that maintains the garden quality of the City; (ii) off-peak hauling activity to reduce conflicts with individuals traveling to and from work; and (iii) placement of floor area in the basement area to reduce the home's scale and visibility.

Consistent with this, the Staff Report recommends approval of the Hillside R-1 Permit application, subject to conditions, all of which applicant is prepared to accept. These conditions include the following: (a) off-peak hauling activity to reduce traffic impacts on the community by restricting hauling hours from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30p.m., Monday through Friday; (b) use of 6 flaggers along Lago Vista Drive, and 2 flaggers at the intersection of Lago Vista Drive and Coldwater Canyon Drive; and (c) off-site parking of all construction workers and the shuttling of workers to the property; (d) all hauling to be in accordance with an approved Construction Management and Parking Plan; (e) the prominent posting of contact information for two project construction representatives;; and (f) street cleanup at the conclusion of each hauling day. Through the implementation of these conditions, the impact of the proposed grading and hauling activity will be minimized, and will assure that the new home will not have a substantial adverse impact on the surrounding neighborhood.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Applicant's representatives have worked hard to engage with the community and to establish personal relationships with the homeowners residing along the Lago Vista route. As a result of this engagement, many neighbors now support this project. Applicant has agreed unhesitatingly to several continuances of this hearing to give the community additional time. The applicant has also voluntarily agreed to conduct a traffic analysis of the hauling and construction activity to further reduce any uncertainty that may exist over the impacts of the proposed project. The traffic analysis was submitted on April 11, 2017, and will also be presented at the hearing. Given this engagement and commitment to transparency, the applicant is confident that the proposed project will not cause adverse impacts to the neighbors, but should unexpected issues

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The new Hillside Development Ordinance also prevented level pads that measure less than twenty feet (20') in any direction and limited the maximum cumulative floor area located off the existing pad to 1,000 square feet.



Chair Shooshani and Honorable April 14, 2017 Page 3

arise during hauling or construction, the applicant and his representatives will be ready and willing to quickly respond to and address any community concerns.

We are aware that you have received a few inflammatory and defamatory communications attacking our client's character and reputation. We chose not to respond to these false and unscrupulous statements as they are intended to distract the Commission from the standard of review for a Hillside R-1 Permit.

On behalf of the applicant and his representatives, we thank you for your consideration of this application, and we look forward to presenting this proposed home to the Planning Commission at the April 19, 2017 hearing.

Sincerely,

BENJAMIN M. REZNIK and

DANIEL F. FREEDMAN of

Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP

CC: Ryan Gohlich, AICP, Assistant Director, Community Development, City of Beverly Hills Cindy Gordon, AICP, Associate Planner, Community Development, City of Beverly Hills



BYRON POPE, MMC City Clerk



City of Beverly Hills 455 N. Rexford Drive, Suite 290 Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Feb 25th, 2018

Official Complaint against Registered Legislative Advocates Jason Somers, Margaret Schaffer, and Parisa Nejad IN CONNECTION with A PUBLIC MATTER coming before the City Council.

Dear Mr. Pope,

This letter is to advise you that I am lodging an official complaint against Jason Somers, Margaret Schaffer and Parisa Nejad. All three work for Crest Real Estate and have submitted false information under penalty of perjury to the City of Beverly Hills.

Mr. Somers, Ms. Schaffer and Ms Nejad should be charged by the City Prosecutor for providing false information and intentionally omitting required disclosures for sanctions in other jurisdictions for the counts listed below and if found guilty, the applicable penalties be imposed, after due process and a fair hearing, as set forth in the Code.

The omissions are egregious, serious, and the misrepresentations are material. The scope and magnitude of these false statements under oath are broad and require an immediate referral to the City Prosecutor for prosecution.

All three have filed the following false statements under penalty of perjury before the City of Beverly Hills on their Legislative Advocate Registration forms for the below properties:

#### Sanctions

Have you ever been sanctioned for a violation of the Beverly Hills Legislative Advocacy Ordinance or a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying?

No

Has a firm at which you work, has worked, or for which you own or has owned an equity interest been sanctioned for a violation of the Beverly Hills Legislative Advocacy Ordinance or a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying?

No

#### **Jason Somers**

Count 1: Jason Somers lied about whether he has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on his

1184-1193 Loma Linda Drive form.

Count 2: Jason Somers lied about whether his firm has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on his

1184-1193 Loma Linda Drive form.

Count 3: Jason Somers lied about whether he has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on his 336 North Camden Drive form.

Count 4: Jason Somers lied about whether his firm has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on his 336 North Camden Drive form.

Count 5: Jason Somers lied about whether he has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on his 1129 Miradero Road form.

Count 6: Jason Somers lied about whether his firm has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on his 1129 Miradero Road form.

Count 7: Jason Somers lied about whether he has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on his 1150 Laurel Way form.

Count 8: Jason Somers lied about whether his firm has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on his 1150 Laurel Way form.

Count 9: Jason Somers lied about whether he has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on his 1200 Steven Way form.

Count 10: Jason Somers lied about whether his firm has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on his 1200 Steven Way form.

Count 11: Jason Somers lied about whether he has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on his 1024 Ridgedale Drive.

Count 12: Jason Somers lied about whether his firm has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on his 1024 Ridgedale Drive.

Count 13: Jason Somers lied about whether he has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on his

121 Spalding / 9800 Wilshire form.

Count 14: Jason Somers lied about whether his firm has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on his 121 Spalding / 9800 Wilshire form.

Count 15: Jason Somers lied about whether he has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on his 1000 Loma Vista form.

Count 16: Jason Somers lied about whether his firm has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on his 1000 Loma Vista form.

Count 17: Jason Somers lied about whether he has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on his 1655 Carla Ridge form.

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Count 19: Jason Somers lied about whether he has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on his 385 Trousdale Place form.

Count 20: Jason Somers lied about whether his firm has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on his 385 Trousdale Place form.

Count 21: Jason Somers lied about whether he has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on his

375 Trousdale Place form.

Count 22: Jason Somers lied about whether his firm has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on his 375 Trousdale Place form.

Count 23: Jason Somers lied about whether he has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on his

332 S. Oakhurst Drive form.

Count 24: Jason Somers lied about whether his firm has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on his 332 S. Oakhurst Drive form.

Count 25: Jason Somers lied about whether he has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on his

1157 N. Hillcrest form.

Count 26: Jason Somers lied about whether his firm has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on his 1157 N. Hillcrest form.

Count 27: Jason Somers lied about whether he has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on his

1154 Tower Road form.

Count 28: Jason Somers lied about whether his firm has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on his 1154 Tower Road form.

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lobbying on his 1154 Tower Road form.

## Margaret Schaffer

Count 30: Margaret Schaffer lied about whether her firm has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on her 1000 Loma Vista Drive form.

Count 31: Margaret Schaffer lied about whether her firm has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on her 1184 - 1993 Loma Linda Drive form.

Count 31: Margaret Schaffer lied about whether her firm has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on her

336 North Camden Drive form.

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Count 33: Margaret Schaffer lied about whether her firm has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on her 1150 Laurel Way form.

Count 34: Margaret Schaffer lied about whether her firm has even been sanctioned for a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance of another jurisdiction governing Legislative Advocacy or lobbying on her 1200 Steven Way form.

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## Parisa Nejad

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Count 58: Jason Somers lied about the engagement date for 1184-1193 Loma Linda which he lists as 2018/04/02. His engagement date is at least prior to Aug 16, 2013. (See Exhibit 1)

Count 59: Jason Somers lied about the engagement date for 1134 Miradero Road which he lists as 2017/12/15. His engagement date is at least prior to Mar 14, 2017. (See Exhibit 2 - Active Hillside Projects\_3.14.17.pdf)

Count 60: Jason Somers lied about the engagement date for 1200 Steven Way which he lists as 2017/11/29. His engagement date is at least prior to Mar 14, 2017. (See Exhibit 2 - Active Hillside Projects\_3.14.17.pdf)

Count 62: Margaret Schaffer lied about the engagement date for 1184-1193 Loma Linda which he lists as 2018/04/02. Her engagement date is at least prior to Aug 5, 2015. (See Exhibit 3 - 1184 Loma Linda)

Count 63: Parisa Nejad lied about the engagement date for 1184-1193 Loma Linda which he lists as 2018/04/02. Her engagement date is at least prior to July 28, 2015. (See Exhibit 4 - RE: Loma Linda Planting Plan)

The entire purpose of these transparency laws is for transparency. By concealing their violations of the mandatory reporting requirements in another jurisdiction, and accurate engagement dates, the Crest Real Estate lobbyists are doing the exact opposite, and misleading both the City and the Public about their lobbying activities.

Four of the cases involved violations of the mandatory reporting requirements of the City's Municipal Lobbying Ordinance. Three of the cases involved a lobbying firm, Crest Real Estate, and two of its lobbyists, Jason Somers and Anthony Russo. Each of those respondents was fined \$15,000 for failing to register as a lobbying entity and failing to disclose City lobbying activity. (see Exhibit 5)

I am also requesting that as required by B.H.M.C. §1-9-105(D), you issue a notice to Mr. Somers, Ms. Schaffer and Ms Nejad that the information on their forms is not in compliance with the new code, and they have ten days (10 days) to file updated forms with the updated information, as required by the new statute.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Weiss

## **Debbie Weiss**

From:

wlitvak@drllaw.com

Sent:

Friday, May 25, 2018 1:00 PM

To:

**Debbie Weiss** 

Subject:

Re: Official Compliant against Crest Real Estate lobbyists

We are presently completing our review and will be making a determination.

Regards,

Bill

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On May 25, 2018, at 12:35 PM, Debbie Weiss <gallery@wwagallery.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Litvak,

Can you please advise on the status of my complaint filed back in February?

The omissions by Crest, even though they were corrected after my compliant, are serious and still subject to action by the City. We are wondering what is happening with the complaint and what consequences will occur as a result of the lobbyists failure to file truthful and accurate forms.

Thank you and I look forward to your response.

Debbie Weiss

From: Debbie Weiss <gallery@wwagallery.com>
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 10:59 AM
To: 'Byron Pope' <bpope@beverlyhills.org>

Subject: RE: Official Compliant against Crest Real Estate lobbyists

Thank you Byron!

Best Regards,

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From: Byron Pope [mailto:bpope@beverlyhills.org]

Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 9:23 AM

To: Debbie Weiss <gallery@wwagallery.com>
Cc: 6-Laurence Wiener <lwiener@rwglaw.com>

Subject: RE: Official Compliant against Crest Real Estate lobbyists

Importance: High

Good morning Debbie,

I am in receipt of your complaint.

Best regards,

Byron

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Sent: Sunday, February 25, 2018 8:02 PM

**To:** Byron Pope **Cc:** 6-Laurence Wiener

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Hi Byron,

Please receive an official complaint against Crest Real Estate lobbyists.

Can you please confirm receipt?

Thank you!

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