

Mai Vang

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Subject: FW: 621 Bidwell

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Subject: 621 Bidwell

Think Before You Click: This email originated outside our organization.

Good morning,

My husband, Tom, and I live just south of 621 Bidwell at 133 Baker St. W. Our property abuts the actual house at 621 and we have concerns about the building process, as well as the safety concerns shared by Helen and James. Ultimately, we agree with all of our neighbors that we would like to see the house demolished and the empty lot put up for sale, understanding neighbors would buy the property. This email is expressing concerns related to likely rebuilding.

I'm attaching photos, including those of the driveway where a now-full dumpster sits, with debris surrounding it. The worker who has come to start clearing out the east side of the house has been tossing fiberglass insulation, wood, and other contents and some of it is just landing on the ground. Until the house was secured after the fire, fiberglass and other burned materials wafted into our yard from the fall/winter north winds. If possible, we would like to know that the workers are doing what they can to secure materials so we don't clean up after them throughout construction.

Our garage is less than 38 inches from the house and workers will likely need to access our yard if they are going to replace the roof on the west — older — part of the house. The roof has been losing tiles for years (I did inform Jenny, the former owner) and now has exposed wood. We would like to receive notice if they need to be in the yard, or we can arrange to close off part of the yard so our dog is safe as they come and go. There is a small area of chain link fence between the garage and 621 that we would agree to have them remove to gain access, as long as they replace it upon completion. We can then close off an area so our dog is safely away from workers/work. If we do this, we would greatly appreciate an agreement between us and the contractor, supported by the City Council and enforced by DHS, that our property is cleaned up after construction.

In addition, the far west side of the house is 16 inches from a chain link fence. There is debris in that small space (an old fan and other debris) and hopefully they'll manage some of the vines that are growing just above the house. I've cut them back and pulled them from windows and vinyl on 621.

Please take this into consideration as you provide permits for construction to proceed. Again, our preference is that the building be demolished considering the size of the lot and the history of the owners since John Weiss, long time owner, sold the property.

Thank you, and let me know if you have any questions or would like more information.

Ann and
Tom





