

**341 SUNSET WAY, MUIR BEACH.**



Dear Gary and neighbors,

In addition to all the explanations and assurances already given about the unplanted, temporary redwoods still in plastic pots we will set a timeline to moving the row of redwoods close to Dusty's trail adjacent to Sunset Way. 12 Months or shorter.

Though our neighborly intentions have not changed, we thank you for working with us to make this clear to our neighbors.

We also feel it important/ prudent/ sensible to not unduly stretch the burden of governance of our local authority when good neighborly conduct could have sufficed in a matter like this.

Should anyone have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Your neighbors

Linda Lotriet and Peter Lambert.

PS. Attached is a short background.

## BACKGROUND

We bought 341 Sunset Way and with it the happy prospect of TLC and maintenance. While we achieve this, we felt the decades old fence that came with the house needed to serve a number of functions; - public safety, privacy to a cottage very exposed to the road, softer greener shielding for neighbors and it be mobile and temporary to provide us with the only access to apply such TLC and maintenance as proves to be necessary. Also, we really would like to embrace native gardening as we love and believe in it and due to the proximity of Spindrift Point. Our first planting of native Ceanothus was indeed celebrated by the deer which necessitated installing a wire fence basket around it. In came the idea of providing a native habitat that loves the coastal shade. Redwoods are unconventional, but as young plants are very robust. Thus we felt they would provide the soft green screen and would thrive in the nursery planter boxes typically used to nurture young trees. They are natural companion plants to rhododendron and ferns for that shady location. As hedges they fall in the category of being a fast evergreen hedge that stays thick all the way to the ground and will thrive in that shady location and is native, deer resistant and provides the eco system for the other plants described. For clarification, we do not plan to plant them as a hedge in that location as it is too close to the road for the root system of what is a very vigorous tree with a wide spreading root system. The plan was hatched with a local native nursery to keep the young trees in their planter boxes and plastic pots and monitor when to change pots or planters and when to relocate them to their permanent homes.

We specifically do not want the trees to be a permanent feature as:

- We do not believe it to be neighborly to grow a line of redwoods that will block the view of our neighbors.
- We do not want a row of large redwoods depriving our own home of light and create a permanent barrier to the only access to our property.
- Any solution for a fence in it's current form has to be temporary until the final solution for the house is envisioned
- Future maintenance plans on the house requires the fence to be removable in order to get access to the house.
- To this end all the young redwoods have been kept in their plastic pots or wooden planter boxes in concert with the plan described above.

We believe this approach to be consistent with our desire to be responsible and caring neighbors, whether immediate or our broader community.