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Dear Steve:

I have wanted to follow up with you Re the meeting we had at my request regarding the possibility of a Chicane on Via Marina.

As you are aware, our property will be the most impacted with the current location being proposed.

We have now received many emails from our neighbor at [70 Middle Road](#) regarding her request that either the sidewalk on the north side of Via Marina be removed or that a chicane be created within Via Marina so that she, who is in the process of renovating her property and seeking a number of variances and other approvals from the town council, does not have to be subjected to easements on her property required by the town's current utility undergrounding project.

Those of us that have either renovated or built our homes in the last few years are aware that the town, in granting our approvals, has requested that we grant similar easements on our properties. We agreed to do this and believe that many of our neighbors have done this as well.

Our neighbor's justification for attempting to avoid granting an easement on her property is that she is renovating a landmarked home. Many of us also own or have owned landmarked homes or have received awards from the town for the architectural design of our homes as well.

At the same time, in the interest of being good neighbors, we were willing to agree not to contest our neighbor locating her generator to an area closest to our property line, near our front door and bedroom side of the house, provided Ms. Naegele agrees to allow the undergrounding easements on her property, just like the rest of us agreed to.

I am sure you saw the email Options A, B and the chicane, which I believe were prepared by our neighbor's representatives (although there is no block indicating that these were prepared by a licensed professional), and not by the town, so that you can see what is being proposed. At the very least, I would hope that the town would prepare (or have a professional prepare) the visual aids for these proposals so that we can all see an unbiased presentation of what this will look like, before town council votes on something which could affect our homes. At the very least, we believe that this is a reasonable request to ask the town to do before town council votes on this.

Both Options A and B involve removing the sidewalk on the north side of Via Marina. For those of

you who may not know, there is no street light on the north side of this block of Via Marina and I believe that the that is located on the south, it is at the corner of South County Road and has no impact on our section of Via Marina. At night, the north side of the street is very dark. Having an unusual condition at a dark area of the street and right at our property line, is of major concern.

We are not willing to allow the major portion of this project, the generator and the location of the FPL equipment, to be located so close to our property line as to burden our property or to create safety risks for us by removing the sidewalk or placing a chicane within 20 feet of our driveway. Our landscapers and other service providers already have difficulty parking and accessing our property; they can't park on South County Road, so Via Marina is the only parking they have. In addition, our landscape material is placed in this area for pick up. The chicane will all but eliminate use of this area for parking or to allow the town to pick up landscape material.

It is interesting that the chicane plan shows the FPL equipment surrounded by poles to protect it. This all but acknowledges that this chicane will create a dangerous condition for vehicles driving on Via Marina. But what about us and our guests using our driveway and backing out onto Via Marina? This also creates a dangerous condition for those who drive and walk along this portion of Via Marina.

Eliminating the sidewalk will mean that we will need to walk in the street when walking the dog. At night on a road, that is dark due to lack of streetlights, that is used by many to cross over from South Ocean Boulevard to South County Road, this creates a dangerous condition, again, not only for us but also those who drive and safe all along this portion of Via Marina.

If we were inclined to agree to a chicane, we would like to see it moved much further east adjacent to [70 Middle Road](#), closer to the intersection of Via Marina and Middle Road, with a street light placed on the north side of Via Marina. Of course Ms. Naegele likes the location to the east of our driveway. She indicated numerous times in her email, she will not see this as it will be on the other side of her '30 foot wall of green hedges'. But the Soter's across the street and we will see it all day long entering and exiting our properties.

We all wanted to be good neighbors and to see that this house gets finished once and for all, but we do not want to create a safety risk for us and our guests or to be overburdened by this project, while the property owner receives the full benefit from all of this.

As we discussed when we met on site, I would also appreciate it if your would please confirm that there is no viable location for the transformer on our property, should we be inclined to grant an easement to make this nuisance go away.

Lastly, we have just received your letter and a picture of the Chicane located on the north end. For our reference, can you please confirm if the one currently outlined by our Via Marina property line, is the same size as the one in the picture located on Laurie Lane.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Jill and Avie Glazer
[195 Via Marina](#)