

From: jamie.mumford@us.pwc.com [mailto:jamie.mumford@us.pwc.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, April 21, 2013 6:07 PM **To:** Jeremy Graves; Rafael Miranda

Subject: Attention: City of Sausalito Planning Department - Regarding: 147 Edwards Avenue, Sausalito

(DR 08-003)

Attention: City of Sausalito Planning Department

Regarding: 147 Edwards Avenue, Sausalito (DR 08-003)

I would like to follow up on the comments submitted by my husband, Martin Mumford and ask that this letter be shared with the Planning Department and Planning Commission for the hearing on April 24th. As stated in his letter I am unable to attend this meeting in person as I am working on a project in Santiago, Chile. We will be returning to live permanently at 145 Edwards on June 1, 2013.

I too have major concerns regarding 147 Edwards' request to receive approval for the condenser unit largely due to the discrepancies and lack of information provided in the report by Wilson, Ihrig & Associates. The builder and property owner continue to exhibit a blatant disregard to the rules laid out by the Sausalito Planning Commission requiring permits, and exhibit an ongoing lack of respect of how the installation will impact the neighboring properties. As owners of 145 Edwards we are very concerned how the noise from the condensers will impact us.

I have carefully read the Wilson, Ihrig & Associates sound test provided by the contractor/owner of 147 Edwards, and on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> we spoke with Leisa Nalls from Wilson, Ihrig & Associates, (she wrote the report but was not involved with the actual sound testing of the condensers).

Based on the report and our discussion with Leisa, below are our major concerns why we feel the report is not VALID:

- 1. The owner and the representative of the owner had too much involvement in the testing of the equipment, for this to be a valid and unbiased report:
- During the testing the owner ran the cooling cycle. The technicians did not verify the settings on the cooling system they were measuring.
- Was the cooling system run on all cycles and speeds, or was the fan the only setting tested?
- 2. The report states that the condensers have a higher sound rating on the Unit OFF then on the Unit ON mode.
- Again we question, why the owner was running the cooling cycle settings and not the heat pump and heating cycles?
- 3. According to the report the owner stated that they would not be using the heating system of this unit, as they have another heating system in the house, so the heat pump and heating cycles were NOT tested for sound.
- How can this report not include all the cycles of this heating /cooling unit?
- Why was a heating/cooling system installed in this property then?
- Can the City verify that the house actually has another heating system in the house?
- 4. The report says that the measurements substantiate that the condenser sound levels are much lower than those produced by other common, existing neighborhood sound sources such as cars or animals.
- Anyone living on Edwards Ave. knows that this is a very quiet neighborhood. We also do know that heating and cooling condensers can have a greater negative sound impact on the neighboring properties

way beyond cars or animals.

- 5. The Report has been too manipulated by the owners of 147 Edwards to be a fair monitoring of the sound level of the condensers.
- These condensers may be of significant negative noise impact on both 145 and 151 Edwards and accurate noise level scores are of utmost importance to us.

We contest once again that this report was not accurately tested, supervised, or professionally reported. Furthermore, the report had NO mention whether or not the condensers were encased in wooden boxes. Leisa Nalls commented in our phone conversation that testing with the boxes would certainly affect the noise level.

We urge the Planning Department and Planning Commission to mandate a new professional and reliable sound test report to be performed at 147 Edwards that limits the owner's involvement and influence in the testing. This test should also be supervised by either of the neighbors, or representative of the owners from 145 and 151 Edwards Avenue. The report needs be verify that the units were tested on all cycles, HEATING as well as the cooling cycles on all levels of operation. This report is to be paid for by the owners of 147 Edwards Avenue and they are to agree to make their heating/cooling system available for this testing. If possible, we ask that this test be conducted after June 1st, 2013, so that we may be present to supervise the testing.

After enduring this project for two years we feel that is not too much to ask, as the property owners of 145 and 151 Edwards Ave. have major concerns regarding the possible negative sound impact on our properties from this situation.

Please help us in this matter as we feel that this report is biased, not professionally tested, and totally incomplete as the unit was not tested on all cycles and functions, and way too influenced by the owners of the property.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jamie Mumford

The information transmitted, including any attachments, is intended only for the person or entity to which it is addressed and may contain confidential and/or privileged material. Any review, retransmission, dissemination or other use of, or taking of any action in reliance upon, this information by persons or entities other than the intended recipient is prohibited, and all liability arising therefrom is disclaimed. If you received this in error, please contact the sender and delete the material from any computer. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is a Delaware limited liability partnership. This communication may come from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP or one of its subsidiaries.