

LARA WEISIGER

From: Eric Fonstein
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 9:47 AM
To: LARA WEISIGER
Cc: Linda Asbury; Lois Butler
Subject: FW: Fortuna Realty requests out of BIA boundary

Hi Lara,
Below is a protest letter we received for item 6-B regarding the Webster Street BIA renewal. Thanks, Eric.

From: Paul Corvi [mailto:corvifortuna@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 6:25 PM
To: Eric Fonstein <efonstein@alamedaca.gov>
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Dear Eric Fonstein,

I do NOT want be included in the future as part of BIA for Webster Street . My property at 633-635 Central Ave., is located in the boundary of the Webster Street Business Improvement. When some of us merchants had asked for help regarding our concerns, WABA said they can not take political sides on important issues such as the Wellness Center. I fully understand but I believe this business organization should be protecting the merchants as many merchants do NOT want the Wellness Center. Many merchants were threatened by political activates that if they put a political sign in their windows, their business would be targeted on the internet and their ratings would drop. A few businesses that had the courage to keep political signs on their window storefronts, luckily reversed the negative ratings on the internet because Yelp and other websites knew they were false. WABA did not protect these merchants against these political activates who threatened to ruin their businesses. Also where was city hall in this? Our city council and mayor did nothing, leaving small business owners very bitter. These small business owners who came to the United State from other countries felt they should be able to voice their opinion but the city government and police failed (signs were reported stolen)

When I asked WABA about the street parking that city council plans to take away on Central Ave due to the approved bike lane, WABA did not help.

Also, since my property is zoned R-4 (not commercial) and I plan to retire very soon, I request that my property be removed from the list of addresses within the BIA boundaries.

Furthermore, with COVID-19 and no vaccine for at least a year, having activities is not reasonable. Therefore, I protest the assessment levied for Fortuna Realty.

Please do not ignore this email and please do not bill me for future Webster Street Business Improvement Area.

Thank you,

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