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My name is Tim Dowling. I live with my daughter Annah Dowling in Castle estates. We met at the first town hall meeting back in the beginning of the year.

We have great concerns regarding the letter that we received stating that we must lose our home as there is no room to move it according to their initial survey. The approximate value of my home is about \$400,000 so not only would I lose that, I own it and there's no mortgage. The RTC also stated I would be charged \$40,000 for removing it. This is absolutely not fair or appropriate. I've been disabled for 20 years with four back surgeries and multiple other issues. I can barely afford to live here presently. The thought that I would lose this home and have to take on a mortgage is unattainable for me at this time.

I would appreciate another town hall meeting so that we could further discuss this matter after RTC sends out a new survey group which Grace stated would be within the next few weeks to address each site specifically.

I do have a plan that could possibly work for all parties without disturbing the lives of the 24 families affected in this section being section 10.

I would love to present it to you and see if it is in any way amenable to the RTC and satisfies all the conflicting interest regarding these setbacks and alleged encroachments.

Under the original charter for the park, the adjacent property was privately owned by Union Pacific which had purchased it from Southern Pacific many many years ago and all of these homes sit exactly where the county of Santa Cruz and the City of Capitola said they should be and Union Pacific had no issue with their placement at any time. Considering they utilized a quick claim deed for the transaction between RTC and Union Pacific there's no guarantee from the seller to the purchaser as to boundaries or even ownership. Now that the county has purchased that land and made it public in doing so they are the ones stating that the units were placed on the railroad land. Which if you think about that last statement, the same county that said they should go where they are and approved them all upon their installations back in the '70s is the same County different agency. stating directly the opposite

Please feel free to contact me via email, text or phone. I'm hoping we can reach some agreement without this becoming a big legal issue between the county and these residents who have voted you in me being one of them.

Warmest Regards,

Tim and Annah Dowling

