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RE: Project Narrative for City of Glendale Variance Application number (VAR24-04)

My parents bought the house at 6334 W Louise Dr, back in 1998. In their passing, the house was willed to myself and my wife Shannon LaCombe. While my parents were alive, they had several attempts to break in, however due to their age and health they did not have the strength to correct this issue.

During the past two years, we have had several (5) break in attempts from the east side of our house, which is adjacent to the neighborhood park. We have also witnessed people hop over our fence to retrieve things thrown into our yard from the park. When we noticed an attempt at breaking in, we called the police, on one attempt, but since we do not have any cameras in that area, they said there was not anything they could do at the time as the only notice of attempt was that our trash can was moved against the east wall which is normally stored by the house and the window screen in the master bedroom was laying on the ground.

We have discussed our situation with our HOA about buffering the wall along with park side for trees and they commented that they will not add any trees along the park side of the wall. We asked this at one of their onsite meetings with us at our house. The HOA said both verbally and in a letter that once I receive the variance from the City of Glendale to raise the wall, they will give their ok to build the new wall to 8 feet high as the zoning requirement is a maximum height of 6 feet. I have attached the letter from the HOA for your reference.

We feel unsafe that anyone can jump our wall and get into our back yard. With our safety in mind, we are requesting to increase the maximum wall height of 6 feet to 8 feet. The existing walls will all be rebuilt with an approved permit as the additional blocks cannot be added to the existing 6-foot wall structurally. The walls will be built to meet the design guidelines per the HOA and City of Glendale. We are also requesting permission for the south wall double gate, the north wall single gate and the wrought iron fence attached to the east wall, all marked on the site plan, height to be increased to be consistent with the proposed 8-foot block wall. The fence and gate material would remain the same.

We meet the variance criteria that the Board of Adjustment will base their decision on as granting the variance will not interfere with or alter the appropriate and legal use of the adjacent conforming properties in the same zoning district. We do not have any neighbors to the north or east of our home and due to that fact, no one will be interfered with.

For your consideration,

Shawn and Shannon LaCombe