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2 Feb

Jon Pfeffer (/profile/719304) from Westleigh, North Potomac

There were several posts regarding eminent domain on this site. I was informed by private email that my posts were removed. I used no foul language but someone didn't like what I said and REMOVED IT. I I would like to know who made the decision and why they did it. There is something called the Constitution in this country. I did not yell "Fire" in a theater, someone disagreed with my views. I would love for anyone to enlighten me and leave this post up.

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You, Andrew (/profile/4464821/), and Mike (/profile/6621764/) thanked Jon (/profile/719304/)



Dave Bessmer (/profile/835800) from Westleigh, North Potomac

2 Feb

Suggest that you reposted then

Thank Flag



Jon Pfeffer (/profile/719304) from Westleigh, North Potomac

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I would very much like a response and a repost of the eminent domain notes

Thank Flag

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	<div><div>Rod Allsopp (/profile/712364/) from Westleigh, North Potomac</div><div>Profile 712364</div></div> <div>2 Feb</div>
	<div>Jon,</div> <div>Only Nextdoor leads (like myself) should be able to remove posts. Was your post made to Westleigh only or to other neighborhoods as well ?</div> <div>Thank Flag</div>
	<div><div>Jon Pfeffer (/profile/719304/) from Westleigh, North Potomac</div><div>Profile 719304</div></div> <div>2 Feb</div>
	<div>Rod, I believe it went to all of Next Door Next Door. I knew it involved Gaithersburg and I live in North Potomac. It was the video that really set me off. I did find the first speaker (I can't refer back for names because the posts and video are gone) to be arrogant and dismissive, while the second never answered the question. I hope we can resolve this because it is important that posts aren't removed because someone doesn't like what they are saying. Thanks for getting back to me.</div> <div>Thanked! Flag</div> <div>You thanked Jon (/profile/719304/)</div>
	<div><div>Aaron Rosenzweig (/profile/4341235/) from Westleigh</div><div>Profile 4341235</div></div> <div>2 Feb</div>
	<div>Hi Jon. I started the thread that you commented on. The entire thread was deleted. I have a copy of most of it in PDF format. I emailed Mr. Zhang, the person faced with the looming threat of Eminent Domain, and then invited him to join NextDoor. I cut and pasted the thread at that time to him so he could know about it. I've printed that email and made it a PDF. The thread was deleted by Lori Kelman, Rod Allsopp did not delete it.</div> <div>Maybe Lori would like to explain why anything was deleted. What is Lori trying to hide?</div> <div>I know Neil Harris and other people are upset but people deserve to know what is going on.</div>

<p>I cannot attach a PDF to NextDoor so here is a link to it:</p> <p>http://www.teamgaithersburg.org/assets/D... (http://www.teamgaithersburg.org/assets/Deleted_on_NextDoor.pdf)</p> <p>Delete</p> <p>Jon (/profile/719304/) thanked you</p>		
	<p>(Jon Pfeffer (/profile/719304/)) from Westleigh, North Potomac</p> <p>I think the ACLU might want to help</p> <p>Thanked! Flag</p> <p>You thanked Jon (/profile/719304/)</p>	2 Feb
	<p>(Scott Young (/profile/1344868/)) from Westleigh, North Potomac</p> <p>Here is the PDF text:</p> <p>Neil Harris (and council) - Eminent Domain</p> <p>Aaron Rosenzweig from Westleigh</p> <p>Neil Harris (and entire city council), Mr. Zhang is still waiting for you to visit him. On Dec. 22, 2015 I asked you take his situation to heart. He still has not heard from you:</p> <p>https://youtu.be/U2GPTN0OyZc (https://youtu.be/U2GPTN0OyZc)</p> <p>I don't get it, why do you refuse to open up a line of communication with this gentleman? He's truly gentle and a wonderful person. I've even started taking art classes in his basement. Oil paint, etc.This is Mr. Zhang's dream home. He wants to retire here and not only teach art classes but much more. He has a growing business and is happy. If he moves he'll have to start over, find new clients. Regardless of whether the CCT is good or bad, this man is caught in the cross fire. It's simply cruel to threaten to take his house sometime in the near future but not commit to it. To say you are going to do it but not actually do it. Everyone, imagine if this happened to you? If your house really needs to be destroyed for the "greater good" that would be distressing but understandable. You would get paid something for your home, from the government, and you could pick up and move on. Mr. Zhang is stuck. He can't really sell in good faith to someone else and</p>	3 Feb

you are not helping him plan for his future. It's one of the dirtiest things I can imagine doing to another soul yet you are still silent. Why do you abstain? Why do you tolerate this? Why don't you contact Mr. Zhang and strike up a real conversation?

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Aaron asks about Eminent Domain for h...

<http://teamgaithersburg.org> (<http://teamgaithersburg.org>) Aaron challenges c...

YOUTUBE.COM

Mark thanked you

David Pier from Kentlands

Aaron, please don't use NextDoor for personal attacks against individuals. Also, using a Nazi salute to begin your tirade is offensive and in extremely bad taste. This post should be deleted either by a moderator or by Aaron.

Rob, Karen, Diane, and 2 others thanked David

Aaron Rosenzweig from Westleigh

Hi David, I don't remember using a Nazi salute.

David Pier from Kentlands

What does "Heil Harris" mean?

Aaron Rosenzweig from Westleigh

I am asking Neil to step up. He is one of the leaders of our city. He should respond to issues from our neighbors. It's not a personal attack per-se. People who lead must respond to criticism and we must make our neighbors aware when things are wrong.

Aaron Rosenzweig from Westleigh

My wife noticed I typed "Heil" instead of "Neil" - it was not intentional. I have corrected it. Thanks for pointing it out.

Viesturs Timrots from Dufief

I'm only just learning about this situation (and others Mr. Harris is not responding to). It seems to me that he's the type of person who only responds to big ticket items, where his name could be blasted across the big screen in serious bold lettering as a "hero to the masses" (e.g. the recent storm "snow removal"). It appears the he really doesn't care about the little guy as shown in his response to various vehicle break-ins and Mr Zhang's situation (I'm sure if I researched it, I could find more items). I guess he just enjoys running his own little fiefdom and anything that could get messy is to be avoided. Just my thoughts.

You thanked Viesturs

You thanked Viesturs

Jon Pfeffer from Westleigh, North Potomac

I just finished looking at what is going on re: eminent domain in Gaithersburg. It is a disgrace to have a city council which is so aloof and unresponsive to the population who elected them and put their trust in them. The city council in my opinion reflects the attitudes of the county council. The developers and large businesses ALWAYS WIN, (note the Belward Farm betrayal).

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I don't live in the City of Gaithersburg but the only way I can see to change things is to replace the council members who don't represent the people who elected them. I hope that the city residents can mobilize and replace the council with reasonable, people who represent the interests of the community.

You thanked Jon

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Sarah Schiebel from Quince Orchard Knolls

I am not a resident of Gaithersburg, But I can assure you that this is typical of the way things are done in Montgomery County. It is simply not fair. Only those who have clout can protect themselves. BUT how does one get that clout? Might think about going to the state and federal representatives that you voted for.

AARON ROSENZWEIG / Chat 'n Bike

e: aaron@chatnbike.com (mailto:aaron@chatnbike.com) t: (301) 956-2319
you voted for.

Thank Flag



(/profile/1344868) from Westleigh, North Potomac

3 Feb

I have one question now that this is in the open - Does Mr. Zhang mind this being discussed with his name in the open? Or is that cat out of the bag?




Thanked! Flag




You thanked Scott (/profile/1344868/)



(/profile/4341235) from Westleigh

3 Feb

<p>Hi Scott. It's a difficult thing opening up and asking for help. Most of us naturally want our privacy. In the video where I spoke at city hall Mr. Zhang was there in the audience with me. I mentioned his name, and he knew what I was going to talk about that night. He was getting the runaround and asked if I could speak up like I did about the Tiny House. I have invited him to NextDoor but he has not joined as far as I know.</p> <p>Delete</p> <p>Scott (/profile/1344868/) thanked you</p>		
	<p>(David Benson) (/profile/1465042/) from Westleigh, North Potomac</p> <p>Relevant to your questioning about your constitutional rights.. http://lifelifehacker.com/5953755/what-exact... (http://lifelifehacker.com/5953755/what-exactly-is-freedom-of-speech-and-how-does-it-apply-to-the-internet)</p> <p>In summary, first amendment only applies to government actions. Nextdoor can take down you comments for any reason that they want, and you are free to use or not use their service.</p> <p>Thank Flag</p> <p>Rebecca (/profile/6513700/) thanked David (/profile/1465042/)</p>	<p>3 Feb</p>
	<p>(Scott Young) (/profile/1344868/) from Westleigh, North Potomac</p> <p>Of course, but that still leaves unanswered why the posts were removed. What was the ground rule that was applied in this case? Probably something innocent or accidental, but unclear presently.</p> <p>Thank Flag</p>	<p>3 Feb</p>
	<p>(Aaron Rosenzweig) (/profile/4341235/) from Westleigh</p> <p>It was removed because I asked the city council to respond and that was considered a personal attack.</p> <p>Delete</p>	<p>3 Feb</p>






	<div><div>(/profile/1344868)</div><div>(/profile/1344868) from Westleigh, North Potomac</div></div> <div><p>I assume this is just a supposition of yours, but if not: Who told you that? and: Who removed them?</p><p>Thank Flag</p></div>	3 Feb
	<div><div>(/profile/719304)</div><div>(/profile/719304) from Westleigh, North Potomac</div></div> <div><p>Actually I am done with this. I saw something that I thought was wrong, gave my opinion and it was removed from Nextdoor. I think that Nextdoor and the City of Gaithersburg are going to conduct themselves as they please and I will just move on.</p><p>Thanked! Flag</p><p>You thanked Jon (/profile/719304/)</p></div>	3 Feb
	<div><div>(/profile/4341235)</div><div>(/profile/4341235) from Westleigh</div></div> <div><p>Hi Scott. Lori Kelman deleted the Eminent Domain thread. She is backed up by "Grace" from NextDoor corporate with the following explanation from Grace:</p><p>=====</p><p>With the attached post</p><p>"Neil Harris (and entire city council), Mr. Zhang is still waiting for you to visit him. On Dec. 22, 2015 I asked you take his situation to heart. He still has not heard from you"</p><p>Is calling out actions of your neighbors that you disagree with with intent to shame. This makes people defensive and erodes the bonds between neighbors.</p><p>I would suggest editing and reposting the issue to be more about Mr. Zhang and was that the neighborhood could help him through this difficult time without personally directing this at a particular member of the council.</p></div>	3 Feb

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Aaron

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	<div><div>(/profile/4341235/)</div><div>(/profile/4341235/) from Westleigh</div><div>Grace suggests stating clearly what the neighborhood can do to help Mr. Zhang. What alternative is there than to write letters (or speak publicly) that the city should clarify definitively when / if they are going to take his home. Please take Mr. Zhang out of this state of limbo. It's not right and it is cruel to not even talk to him.</div><div>Delete</div></div>	3 Feb
	<div><div>(/profile/719304/)</div><div>(/profile/719304/) from Westleigh, North Potomac</div><div>OMG, I said I was done with this but Grace's comment is absolutely insulting. Go ahead and rewrite your post until SHE thinks it's nice enough. Good night all.</div><div>Thank Flag</div><div>Linda (/profile/8695502/) thanked Jon (/profile/719304/)</div></div>	3 Feb
	<div><div>(/profile/7465218/)</div><div>(/profile/7465218/) from Orchard Knolls</div><div>Nextdoor is becoming just like Facebook.</div><div>Thank Flag</div><div>Runako (/profile/718969/) and William (/profile/756759/) thanked Brian (/profile/7465218/)</div></div>	4 Feb
	<div><div>(/profile/756759/)</div><div>(/profile/756759/) from Westleigh, North Potomac</div><div>Hear hear ... to the last posting</div><div>Thank Flag</div><div>Runako (/profile/718969/) thanked William (/profile/756759/)</div></div>	4 Feb
	<div><div>(/profile/724571/)</div><div>(/profile/724571/) from Westleigh, North Potomac</div><div></div></div>	6 Feb

Wow, This is fascinating, the censorship issue more than the eminent domain issue. True, the 1st Amendment guaranties the federal government will not infringe on freedom of speech, and Nextdoor is not a federal agency, so there is no constitutional free speech issue here. There seems to be, however, an issue of open exchange of ideas.

As far as I can tell, some one or several persons took offence at what appeared to be a typographical error, "Neil" mistyped as "Heil." Though a reasonable person could be offended were it intentional, it would be within the realm of the rough and tumble of a marketplace of ideas if it had been intentional. As it happens, the writer explained the typographical error, which explanation any reasonable reader of good faith should find acceptable, putting any offense to rest.

I favor refraining from offending, but I value a free market in ideas more. The offended can leave the discussion. We all lose from suppressed speech. An idea unspoken is an idea lost, at unknown cost to us all. A bad idea spoken is exposed for what it is. If we censor speech, we censor thought, and our society thinks too little as is.

Thanked! Flag

You, Runako (/profile/718969/), Helen (/profile/989998/), and 2 others thanked Bill (/profile/724571/)



(Sarah Schiebel (/profile/1482816)) from Quince Orchard Knolls

7 Feb

I believe conflicts needs to be responded to in a more transparent manner than just erasing a posting because an anonymous complaint was made. This is supposed to be an "open" forum, not a dictatorship.

If there is a complaint, bring the two parties together to discuss it. I really object to cloak and dagger method of sanitizing this group.

But in removing a posting which is critical to helping someone facing an equally heavy handed judgment, all of us lose the threads of the arguments.

Thanked! Flag
You, Helen (/profile/989998/), and Mark (/profile/1431274/) thanked Sarah (/profile/1482816/)



Sam Deitz (/profile/8083241) from Flints Grove

17 Feb

Who took your post down? Is there someone who decides what members can post?
Thank Flag



Aaron Rosenzweig (/profile/4341235) from Westleigh

10h ago

It happened again. A person living in Flints Grove asked for help. All of her posts have been deleted on Nextdoor. What purpose is this medium if we can't ask for help and receive help from each other? I did not see where this person was anything other than civil. I did not see what guideline this member of Flints Grove violated.
Edit Delete

Write a reply...