

Interactions with La Jolla Light

“We’re going to fight this’: Second trip-and-fall lawsuit against San Diego embroils Enhance La Jolla”

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Question:

I’m working on a story about a trip-and-fall lawsuit that has been filed with the city (Beverly Garver Adams v. City of San Diego San Diego Superior Court Case #: 37-2022-00001937-CU-PO-CTL) and into which the Enhance La Jolla board is being involved. The board members are upset that they are being brought into this considering it was a city sidewalk on which the person tripped, which they do not feel is their responsibility, and are accusing the City Attorney’s office of “passing off responsibility from the city and onto Enhance La Jolla.” Does the office have any response to that?

Also, a letter was referenced during our interview in which Enhance La Jolla was instructed to barricade any identified trip hazards. The board members say that is unrealistic because there are “literally thousands” of trip hazards within the MAD boundaries. Does the office have any response to that?

Response:

In 2019, Enhance La Jolla Inc. signed a four-year contract with the City to manage operations of the La Jolla Maintenance Assessment District, the boundaries of which include the sidewalk where the alleged incident occurred. In that contract, Enhance La Jolla Inc. agreed to regularly maintain all sidewalks consistent with City Council Policy 200-12 and to barricade all sidewalk safety hazards and to notify the City. Plaintiff alleges the sidewalk condition was a safety hazard.
