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I live in a small neighborhood that consists of mostly one street named Railroad Avenue. It is located near Highway 22, about one mile east of Gates. This neighborhood was beautiful before the fire. Today, ugliness from the fire remains. 24 of 27 houses in this small, isolated neighborhood were completely destroyed. The three that remained had extensive damage. Given what they are surrounded with, I'm not sure that they were the winners. My house was destroyed.

Without passing legislation that charges interest from the day of the fire, Pacificorp has little incentive to settle. They know they will be on the hook for over 1 billion of damages. One year of interest at 6% on a billion dollars is 60 million dollars. As it is today, they get to keep that \$60,000,000.00 in their pocket while they pay attorneys to help them lower the potential future payout.

My next-door neighbor passed about two years after the fire. The general community is elderly. Some members have died and more will die without ever receiving any compensation. Please help us. Support legislation that holds Pacificorp accountable. Justice delayed truly is justice denied.