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City of Santa Barbara
**FORESTRY DIVISION**

**ATTACHMENT**

**March 2014**

## *FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL REQUEST*

*Date:* 2/24/14

*Requested by*: Lindsay Weinberg

*Address:* 1208 Quinientos St. #B, Santa Barbara, CA 93113

*Location of Tree:* 1208 Quinientos St.

***Tree Species:*** *Sequoia sempervirens* ***Common Name:*** Coastal Redwood

*Zoning/Setback:* R – 2 15' Setback

*Reason for Removal:* All branches dead and tree is dying.

*Proposed Replacement:* *Yes* ☐ *No* ☒

*Advisory Committee Recommendation:* *Approve Removal:* ☐ *Deny Removal:* ☐

*Staff Recommendation:* *Approve Removal:* ☐ *Deny Removal:* ☐

*Date Posted:*

*Comments:*

*PHOTO INVENTORY*

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# SETBACK TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION


**Mailing Address:**
PO Box 1990
Santa Barbara, CA 93102
(805) 564-5433 FAX (805) 897-2524

**Physical Address:**
402 E. Ortega St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101


**Application Fee: $50 (effective July 1, 2010)**

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| **DATE OF REQUEST:** | February 24, 2014 |
| **APPLICANT:** | Lindsay Weinberg |
| **OWNER NAME (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT):** | |
| **MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:** | 1208 Quinientos St #B, Santa Barbara, 93103<br>LEWeinberg@gmail.com |
| **DAYTIME PHONE:** | (805) 895-9972 |
| **LOCATION OF TREE (ADDRESS):** | 1208 Quinientos St. |
| **TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):** | Costal Redwood |
| **REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:** | All branches dead & tree is dying |
| **TREE(S) WILL BE REPLACED:** Yes [ ] With: | No [X] |

**PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

- Property owner letter, indicating reasons for removal. Also include whether:
  - The removal application is associated with new development or redevelopment of property
  - Status of development application, including whether the project is scheduled for review by the Single Family Design Board, Architectural Board of Review or Historic Landmarks Commission
  - The tree is a designated Specimen or Historic Tree or located on a property with a designated Historic Landmark
- Photo of tree(s) proposed for removal
- Development plan/Landscape plan

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February 5, 2014

To Whom This May Concern:

This letter is regards the setback tree removal. The tree is located at 1208 Quinientos Street, Santa Barbara CA, 93013. The tree is a forked coastal redwood, approximately 55 feet tall. The reason for the tree removal is that the tree is dying and all of the top branches are already dead. According to the arborist that inspected the tree, too much of the tree is dead for any type of revival or sustainability. Additionally, the arborist reported that simply trimming the tree would be futile because of its condition. This application is not associated with the redevelopment of this property. This tree is not, to my knowledge, a designated Specimen or Historic Tree. It is not located on a property with a designated historical landmark.

Attached is an estimate that we have gotten from Action Tree Care, which is a part of our development/landscape plan. We are making several aesthetic changes to this property in order to improve the appearance of the home, and to improve the surrounding neighborhood in general.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Weinberg
(805)895-8972
LEWeinberg@gmail.com

The estimate requested is as follows:

INV #14177

Remove (1) redwood $975.00

Grind stump $275

Chip & haul all brush & wood

Complete clean up

Please note that this tree may be within the City of Santa Barbara set-back. Therefore may require a permit. If this is the case, stump grinding would be required.

The setback for your address is 15ft for a single story structure – 20 ft for a 2 stry structure.

This measurement would be taken from the outside (street side) of the sidewalk to the middle of the base of the tree.

Thank you,

Debby Halvorson

Office Manager

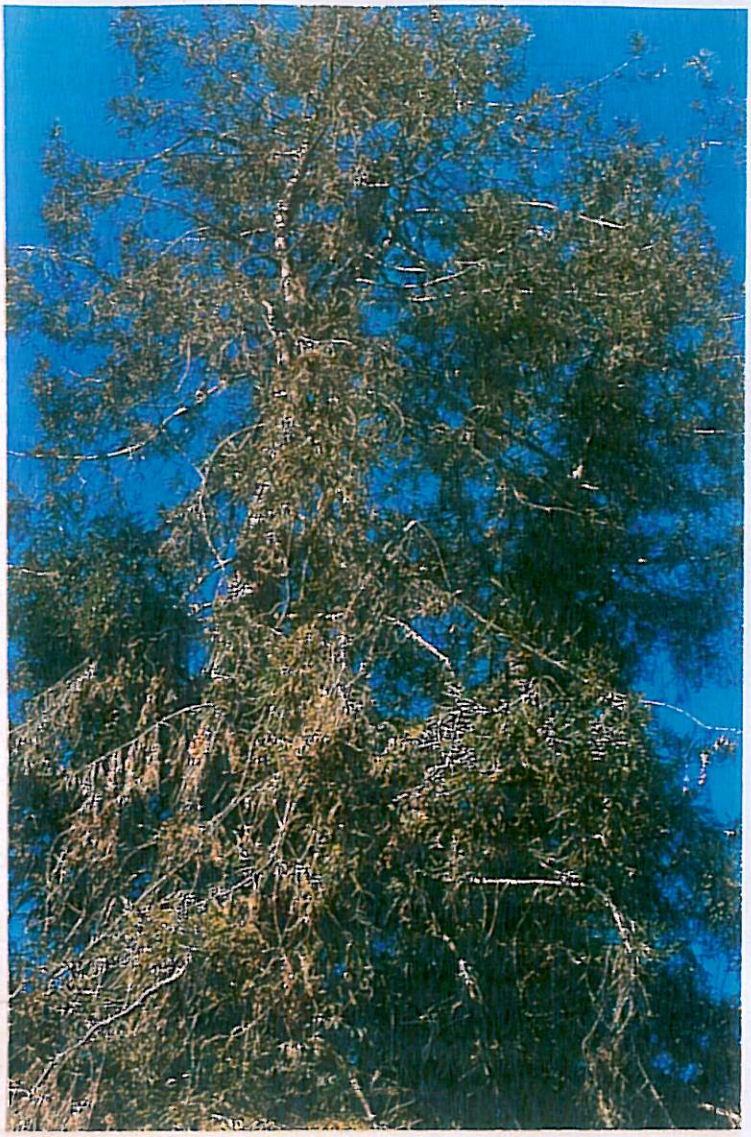
Action Tree Care

PO Box 2371

Santa Barbara, CA. 93120

805.966.5969

LIC #772070



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March 2014
Postponed from
February 2014

# STREET TREE MASTER PLAN SPECIES DESIGNATION CHANGE FOR ADOPTION

Date: 9/26/13

Location: 2200-2400 blocks of Garden St. (Westside)

Present Species Designation: *Pyrus kawakamii*, Evergreen Pear (1996)

Proposed Change to: Add an additional species designation.

Existing Species Profile: Various trees

Reasons for Recommended Change: See attached letter.

## PARK COMMISSION ACTION
## PHOTO INVENTORY

Change Adopted:

Change Denied:

Date of Action:

August 19, 2013

City of Santa Barbara
Forestry Division
Street Tree Advisory Committee (STAC)
Attn. Mr. Tim Downey

Subject: Urban Forest Master Plan; Street Tree Master Plan Comments with Recommended Species Designation Changes

Dear Mr. Downey,

As part of Upper East Association (UEA) activities, we hosted a 'walkabout' on July 17th. This walk was well-attended (47 people). I am passing on the following recommendations that were compiled by the Upper East Association under guidance of Upper East member and landscape architect Grant Castleberg who led the walk from Padre Street to Constance Avenue and along Garden Street to Los Olivos Street.

Therefore, we request STAC's consideration of the following changes or modifications of the approved street tree species designated by the City for the following areas:

2100 block of Santa Barbara Street **request change to Arecastrum romanzoffianum.**
Rationale for Change. The street tree designated in the 1977 Master Plan for the 2100 block of Santa Barbara Street where the Church of Latter Day Saints is located is Archontophoenix cunninghamiana, commonly known as King Palm. However, Arecastrum romanzoffianum, commonly known as Queen Palm, actually exist.

2200 block of Santa Barbara Street **request addition of oak tree species.**
Rationale for Change. Several oaks (cork, white, holly & quercus) exist in the 2200 block therefore we request that oak trees be added to the approved street tree list.

2300-2400 blocks of Santa Barbara Street **request deletion of Chorisa speciosa.**
Rationale for Change. Santa Barbara Street is continuous to Constance Avenue in this area, with a short spur to 200 block of East Junipero Street. There is a mix of approved street trees, Chorisa speciosa, Red Flowering Gum, and Camphor Tree. Junipero Street is listed for Melaleuca genistifolia.

[illegible] Street ▫ Santa Barbara, CA 93105 ▫ (805) 000.0000 ▫ sbuppereast.org

Chorisa speciosa is known for its spiked bark which neighbors find unsightly and unsafe. The tree only loses its thorns upon maturity or in approximately 100 years. At maturity, the tree has a large circumference and its roots break up adjacent sidewalks. One of these street trees is dying at 2525 Santa Barbara Street.

Residents of 200 block of East Junipero between Santa Barbara & Garden Street request clarification that there is no approved street tree in that block, since there are no sidewalk or medians. If that is not possible, they request that the street tree be olive since that is what primarily exists in the area.

2200-2400 blocks of Garden Street (west side) request removal of existing Kaffir Plums.
Rationale for Change. Kaffir plums are not on the City's approved tree list. They drop their fruits on the sidewalk making it slippery and creating a hazard to pedestrians. We request that the existing Kaffir Plum trees be removed over time and replaced with Evergreen Pear, the approved street tree.

Please include our comments in the updated Urban Forest Master Plan. Grant Castleberg is available to present these comments at any upcoming STAC meeting, if that would be the most expedient way to change the species designation.

Sincerely,

Fred L. Sweeney
President, Upper East Association Board

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## Downey, Timothy E..

**From:** Scott and Lisa Burns [mailto:wsburns@cox.net]
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 7:07 PM
**To:** Downey, Timothy E..
**Cc:** Herrera, Patricia; Steve Forsell
**Subject:** RE: Street Tree Advisory Committee - File Upload

Thank you Tim for the opportunity to comment on the list of potential co-designated trees for 2200-2400 blocks of Garden Street. I cannot make the meeting on Thursday, so please pass on my comments on to the committee. It may be possible for Steve Forsell, former Parks & Rec Commissioner who lives at 2433 Garden Street to monitor the meeting which begins at 8:30AM in the Parks Department meeting room.

The two trees on your list that I would agree should be considered for co-designation are Chionathus – Chinese Fringe Tree which has beautiful flowers in the picture I saw on Wikipedia or the Tabebuia. However Tabebuia branches spread which might be a safety issue for traffic.

However, due to the historic setting of the neighborhood, I request that STAC consider trees that are in the vernacular of old California, like cork Oak or non-fruiting olive. Because this street borders the historic Mission, perhaps recommendations from STAC should also be referred to the Historic Landmarks Commission for review.

Regarding the rest of the trees on the list in your email of 1/31/14:

Parkinsonia is the street tree in front of Dr.John David & Joy Kunz's house at 222 E. Constance. This tree has thorny stems and since it is a small tree, it spreads its spines out into walkway making it awkward for pedestrians.

Harpullia arborea are the Kaffir Plums that drop messy, hard fruits on the sidewalk that can cause walkers or skateboarders trouble. That's why the neighbors concur that when a Kaffir Plum dies, it would be best to replace it with an alternative tree or Evergreen Pear (fire blight issue).

Stenocarpus or Fire Wheel Tree needs deep well-drained soils. Garden has heavy soils that are not well-drained.

Metrosideros or New Zealand Christmas tree grows 30' or more and needs pruning to bring it into tree form since it branches from ground-up. Besides the pruning maintenance required, utility lines exist along west side of Garden Street, so such a large tree at maturity may not be appropriate.

Hymenosporum flavum or Sweetshade also needs fast soil drainage. Notes state that it requires routine feeding, and is subject to aphids (which we get on our hibiscus trees every summer).

Pittosporum – doesn't seem appropriate because it's more of a hedge and may block views of traffic.

Alectryon excelsus has fruit – which is what we are trying to avoid having drop on sidewalks due to maintenance issues and the potential for pedestrians to slip.

Thank You,

Tim Downey
Urban Forest Superintendent
805-564-5592

Someone's sitting in the shade today because
someone planted a tree a long time ago.
- *Warren Buffett*