

**April 2016**

*Date:* 3/8/16

*Requested by:* Jeff Ruppert

*Address:* [jeff@ruppertconstruction.com](mailto:jeff@ruppertconstruction.com)

*Location of Tree:* 554 Alan Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93109

**Tree Species:** *Liquidambar styraciflua*

**Common Name:** American Sweetgum

*Requested Reason for Removal:* Public hazard.

*Current designated Street Tree:* *Pistacia chinensis*, Chinese Pistache (January 24, 1990)

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

*Staff Recommendation:* Approve Removal:  Deny Removal:

*Date Posted:*

*Comments:*

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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

City of Santa Barbara  
Parks and Recreation Department  
STREET TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

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PARK & RECREATION  
PARKS DIVISION

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

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

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

DATE OF REQUEST:	3-4-16
APPLICANT:	Jeff Ruppert
ADJACENT OWNER NAME: (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT)	Jeff@ruppertconstruction.com
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	554 Alan Rd. SB, CA 93109
DAYTIME PHONE:	(805) 448-4425
TREE LOCATION (ADDRESS):	same
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	Liquidambar styraciflua
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	public hazard

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

1. Property owner letter, indicating reasons for removal. Also include whether:
  - a. The removal application is associated with new development or redevelopment of property
  - b. 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
  - c. The tree is a designated Specimen or Historic Tree
2. Photo of tree(s) proposed for removal
3. Development plan/Landscape plan

February 18, 2016

Parks Commission  
P.O. Box 1990  
Santa Barbara, CA 93102

Re: Removal of Parkway Tree at 554 Alan Road, Santa  
Barbara, CA 93109

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing this letter as a follow up to the three letters we have previously submitted (Sept. 2010, Aug. 2012, and Oct. 2014 attached) to renew our request that the City consider removing the sugar gum tree located in the parkway in front of our home. This removal request is not associated with any new or re-development of our property.

The tree is a public hazard. The spiky pods litter the ground and pose significant threat to pedestrians, pets and bicyclists. The roots of the tree are already uplifting the recently re-done sidewalk, The sidewalk is well-traveled, and with the forthcoming city acquisition of the adjacent property as parkland, we anticipate even more foot traffic.

The city would be better served to allow the removal of the tree and the planting of one or more trees that conform to the rest of the neighborhood and do not expose the city to potential liability.

In speaking with city tree trimmers working in our neighborhood over the last several days, we were told that no new sugar gum trees have been planted in the city for years – but many such trees are being removed every year for the obvious reasons we have set forth in our letters.

Since the tree is still relatively small, they advised us to again submit an application for the removal of the tree as it would be easier to remove at its current size. We will also renew our commitment to purchase and plant a replacement tree or trees at our own expense if the sugar gum is removed.

We would appreciate a reply and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Ruppert" and "Kara Ruppert".

Jeff and Kara Ruppert  
554 Alan Road  
Santa Barbara, CA 93109  
805.448.4425

October 25, 2014

Parks Commission  
P.O. Box 1990  
Santa Barbara, CA 93102

Re: Removal of Parkway Tree at 554 Alan Road, Santa  
Barbara, CA 93109

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing this letter as a follow up to the two letters we have previously submitted (Sept. 2010 and Aug. 2012, attached) to renew our request that the City consider removing the sugar gum tree located in the parkway in front of our home. This removal request is not associated with any new or re-development of our property.

Anyone familiar with the Alan Road neighborhood knows that the sidewalk in front of our home is used extensively by the neighborhood to access the property at the end of Alan Road. We have witnessed minor injuries to people and their animals as a result of the fallen pods littering the sidewalk. The pods also pose a very serious threat to our 82 year old neighbor, who crosses the street to visit almost daily and has to navigate the numerous pods which accumulate. In addition, in the last several years our son has stepped on pods on a number of occasions, and in one instance it required a visit to his pediatrician for a tetanus shot as a precaution.

According to the City website regarding parkway trees, residents are required to "...clean up fallen debris such as leaves or berries..." In such a case as ours, we are simply unable to keep the sidewalks clear of the fallen pods. We did not plant the tree, have documented over several years that it is a public hazard, and therefore should have no liability regarding it, and in the event a liability issue arises, we are certain that a jury of our peers would agree and hold the City liable instead.

We are, quite frankly, flabbergasted that the City has thus far chosen to ignore our offer to purchase and plant a replacement tree at our own expense if they will simply take the other tree down.

We would appreciate a reply and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeff and Kara Ruppert  
554 Alan Road  
Santa Barbara, CA 93109  
805.448.4425

August 21, 2012

Parks Commission  
P.O. Box 1990  
Santa Barbara, CA 93102

Re: Removal of Parkway Tree at 554 Alan Road, Santa  
Barbara, CA 93109

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing this letter as a follow up to the letter we submitted in the fall of 2010 (attached) to which we never received a reply.

We would like to renew our request that the City consider removing the sugar gum tree located in the parkway in front of our home for the reasons specified in our previous letter and for the following additional reasons: city workers recently trimming the trees on Alan Road suggested to me that the sugar gum tree in front of our home was encroaching on the sidewalk (and had had its roots cut back at least once in recent years by city staff). They told me it is still a fairly young and comparatively small tree and removing it now might be beneficial - to prevent further sidewalk encroachment and necessary trimming of the roots, which might actually fatally damage the tree and cause it to die.

We do enjoy the shade the tree provides and would be willing to purchase and plant at our own expense a replacement tree, such as a Japanese pistachio (which is the type of tree planted throughout the majority of the neighborhood). In fact, we would actually like to purchase and plant 2 additional trees in the parkway if the sugar gum is removed.

We would appreciate a reply and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeff and Kara Ruppert  
554 Alan Road  
Santa Barbara, CA 93109  
805.448.4425

September 7, 2010

Parks Commission  
P.O. Box 1990  
Santa Barbara, CA 93102

Re: Removal of Parkway Tree at 554 Alan Road, Santa  
Barbara, CA 93109

To Whom It May Concern:

We are submitting this letter in accordance with Santa Barbara City guidelines to request that one of the parkway trees (sugar gum) in front of our home be removed. According to applicable guidelines, the Arborist and Street Tree Advisory Committee may recommend the removal of a tree if it is, among other reasons, a threat to public safety or it can no longer be maintained in a healthy, safe and attractive condition. We strongly believe that this tree poses a hazard to both public use of the sidewalk and to private use of our front lawn. Additionally, if left intact, it will prevent full and safe enjoyment of our front lawn for significant periods of time every year.

We are a family with two young children, aged 3 and 7, who moved into our home in November, 2009. At that time, the front yard and parkway was virtually useless, overgrown with ivy and crabgrass. Over the course of the succeeding months, we worked on the front yard, eventually planting a lawn with a special type of grass that would be nice for our kids to play on. As we head into fall and start to encounter more and more of the spiky pods that fall from the tree, we are concerned that this tree will prevent us from continuing to fully enjoy the use of our lawn due to the massive numbers of pods that the tree sheds every year for many months.

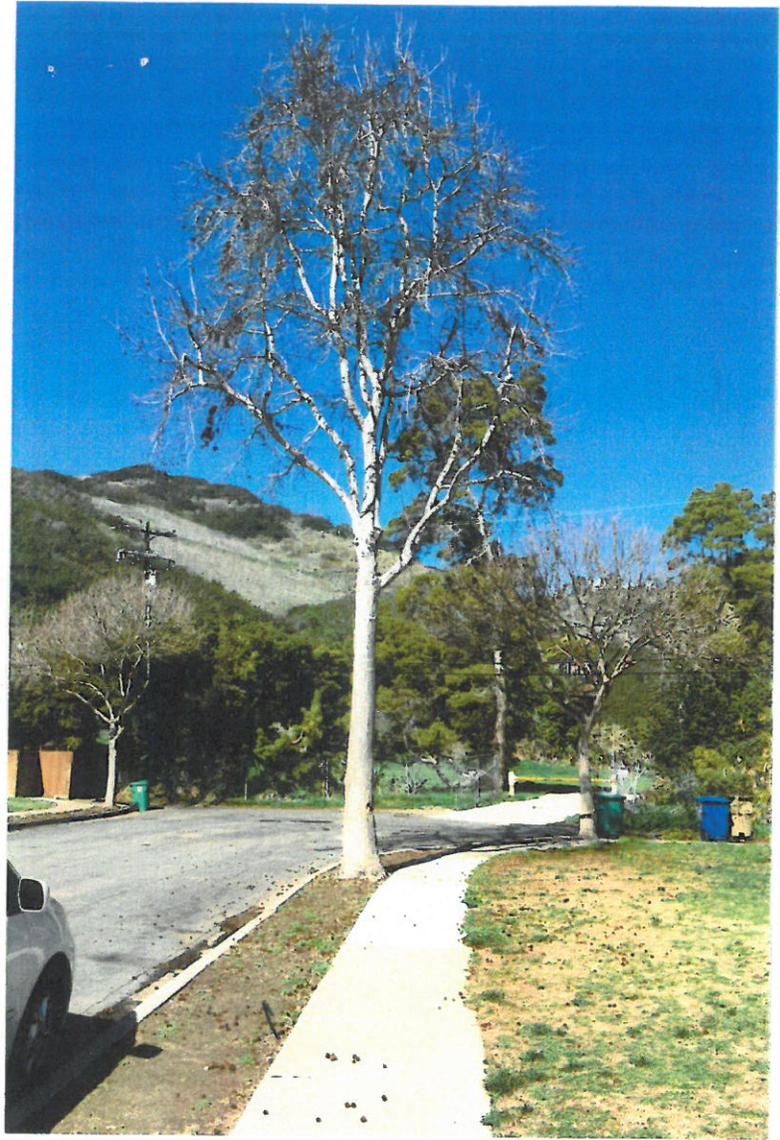
Last fall, we witnessed this happen, and even though it did not significantly affect our use of our front yard (due to the condition of the front yard at the time we moved in), it did pose a significant hazard to us and to everyone that uses the sidewalk. As many of you are probably well aware, hundreds of spiky pods fall from the tree throughout the day, which will require us to inspect the lawn thoroughly each and every time we (especially our children) want to use it. Despite due diligence, each of us and our children have been "stabbed" by the balls on numerous occasions, have tripped and fallen, and Kara once even badly twisted her ankle as a result of accidently stepping on one.

Prior to our occupancy of this house, the house was occupied for over 20 years by an elderly widow who did not make use of the front yard in a way that the spiky pods would affect her enjoyment. We know this from firsthand knowledge - Jeff lived in the house across the street (561 Alan Road) for the last 13 years, and the widow's brother has also lived across the street (555 Alan Road) for over 20 years. Therefore, considering the changes that have occurred since the tree was originally planted, we respectfully request that you make a decision recommending the removal of the offending tree.

Thank you for your prompt consideration and we look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Jeff and Kara Ruppert  
554 Alan Road  
Santa Barbara, CA 93109  
805.448.4425



**April 2016**

*Date:* 2/4/16  
*Requested by:* Bryan Van Derhyden  
*Address:* 110 Carl Street, San Francisco, CA 94117  
*Location of Tree:* 48 Chase Dr., Santa Barbara, CA 93108

**Tree Species:** (2) *Pyrus calleryana*                      **Common Name:** Callery Pear

*Requested Reason for Removal:* To be replaced with drought tolerant native CA trees.

*Current designated Street Tree:* *Pyrus kawakamii*, Evergreen Pear (1977 Master Plan)

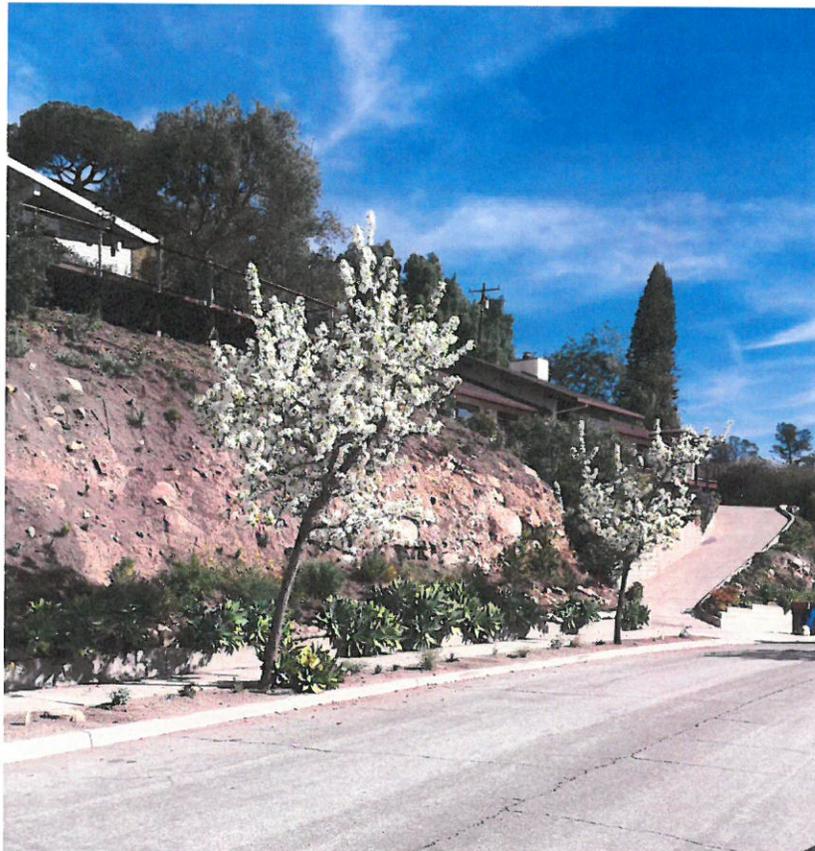
*Advisory Committee Recommendation:*      *Approve Removal:*       *Deny Removal:*

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

*Date Posted:*

*Comments:*

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*Pd. \$50 cash  
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PARK & RECREATION  
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STREET TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

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

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

<b>DATE OF REQUEST:</b>	12-3-2015
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Bryan Van Derhyden
<b>ADJACENT OWNER NAME: (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT)</b>	Jill Martin
<b>MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:</b>	110 Carl Street San Francisco CA. 94117
<b>DAYTIME PHONE:</b>	(805)698-1526
<b>TREE LOCATION (ADDRESS):</b>	48 Chase Drive Santa Barbara
<b>TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):</b>	Pyrus calleryana
<b>REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:</b>	To be replaced with drought tollerant native CA trees, Prunus ilicifolia and Lynothamnus

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PARK & RECREATION  
PARKS DIVISION

2-24-16

To whom it may concern,

This letter is in regard to an application for removal of two trees in the city of Santa Barbara's Parkway Strip located at 48 Chase Drive in Santa Barbara, California.

The removal request is based on three related ideas. The two existing trees in the Parkway Strip are *Pyrus kawakamii*, common name, Evergreen Pear. It is a tree that is native to mainland China and Taiwan. The subdivision where the Parkway Strip is located, being built in the late 1950's, it can be estimated that the trees are roughly 50 years old. Although well along in age the two trees of this species planted in the Parkway Strip are both of rather small stature and are of stunted habit and form.

*Pyrus kawakamii* is considered to be a 'Medium Water Needs' tree according to San Marcos Growers, on their website it reads; "These plants require a regular irrigation regime to persist and be presentable in the garden. These plants are not necessarily considered "thirsty" and include most of the plants in the typical urban landscape. In our cool coastal climate these plants, once established in the landscape, would require irrigation once a week to once every other week. In hotter and drier times of the year, some of these plants may require more frequent irrigation and may also not require any supplemental irrigation during winter or when spring rains are abundant." ( [http://www.smgrowers.com/products/plants/plantdisplay.asp?plant\\_id=1333](http://www.smgrowers.com/products/plants/plantdisplay.asp?plant_id=1333) )

The San Francisco community group Friends of the Urban Forest, who work with the city of San Francisco to increase and maintain the city's trees recommend this regiment for watering of the *Pyrus kawakamii*, "In general, 15-20 gallons per week for the first 2 years; 15-20 gallons twice a month for the 3rd year; as needed after 3 years (varies by soil, sun, and wind conditions)." ( <http://www.fuf.net/tree/evergreen-pear/> ).

The reason for the small habit and stunted form of the trees located in the Parkway Strip at 48 Chase Drive is that they are trees that require water and the climate in Santa Barbara is not conducive to healthy growth of this species without significant supplemental water. In rainy times in Southern California these trees can do fine, but when the inevitable droughts arrive, as they have through the life of these trees, the trees have suffered and although alive have failed to reach their full potential due to the fact they are not on any type of water regime. The fact

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that we are experiencing a very significant drought now, is a very appropriate time to reconsider what is an appropriate tree to be planted in certain areas of the city.

The water requirement and resulting poor growth habit that has occurred with these trees is due to the selected species not blending with the climate of the greater region without supplemental water and leads to the second related reason for the proposed removal and replacement.

The inclusion of native California trees that are regionally specific and have adapted and evolved through thousands of years to match the climate of the area are fine selections for any region of the city. In the Santa Barbara Municipal Code Chapter 15.20, Tree Planting and Maintenance, in the section 'Title' (15.20.010), the opening statement reads; "Recognizing that the urban forest is a valuable asset to the City of Santa Barbara...." This statement alone could not be more fitting and true of how important the city's trees are to the feel and character of the city of Santa Barbara. This being said, there is always room for improvement and the inclusion of native species should be paramount in the landscape of the urban forest of Santa Barbara.

One reason is the fact that once established native California trees require very little to no water. A few gallons a month will keep them looking good in the driest of years and the amount of water required to establish them is far less than what is required of the Evergreen Pear and other trees in their establishment and throughout their lives. The two tree species that are of interest for replacement, are regionally specific native California trees, *Lyonothamnus floribundus ssp. aspleniifolius*, the Santa Cruz Island Ironwood and *Prunus ilicifolia ssp. lyonii*, the Catalina Cherry. These trees also provide another crucial ecological aspect that many native trees and plants possess, providing habitat for native insect pollinators. Such is the case for the *Prunus ilicifolia*, the caterpillars of the pale swallowtail butterfly (*Papilio eurymedon*) forage on this plant in their larval stage.

These two ecological based reasons alone, the saving of water and habitat for native insects hold tremendous value that is in keeping with the title statement of the city's code in regard to the value of its urban forest.

The third reason for removal and the proposed subsequent replacement of the specific species mentioned above is that the front of the property at 48 Chase Drive was recently re-

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landscaped with California native plants. The native plant selections are the most responsible and appropriate plants for the site considering the drought plaguing the South Coast region at the time. California native plants are, as is well known by now, to be the go-to alternative for drought tolerant and eco-friendly landscapes. The plant selection of this landscape is in keeping with the reasons mentioned above for the selection of the new trees. To provide habitat for native pollinators, such as bees and butterflies, and establish a garden with extremely minimal to no water needs once established.

From an aesthetic point of view the stunted *Pyrus* trees backed by a hill of native California plants, it creates a rather disjointed appearance. The plant palette required to blend to the aesthetic of the *Pyrus* trees would require such a substantial amount of water as to render it unsustainable, and once again is another example of why the tree species is out of place from an ecological standpoint. The inclusion of the native tree species on the other hand would blend to the native plants selected for the adjoining property as well as, besides the aforementioned ecological reasons provide a pleasing aesthetic that would set a tone of, as well as assimilate to, the sense of place of the greater Santa Barbara region.

Thank you,

Bryan Van Derhyden Garden Designer

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[bryanvgardens@gmail.com](mailto:bryanvgardens@gmail.com)



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PARKS DIVISION

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Request for Change of Designation of Parkway Strip Trees at 48 Chase Drive Santa Barbara

To whom it may concern,

This letter is a request for a change of designation in regard to the selected tree species designated and planted in the Parkway Strip located adjacent to the property at 48 Chase Drive in Santa Barbara California.

The current designated tree species for the Parkway Strips in the neighborhood in and around Chase Drive is the Evergreen Pear, *Pyrus kawakamii*. This species of tree occurs naturally in its native habitat of eastern mainland China as well as the island of Taiwan. According to the Köppen climate classification the climate of China is a moderate climate with wet summers and is known as a Cw-climate. China being the only county in the world which has its own designated climate classification, the Cw-climate. The city of Shanghai on the coast of eastern China receives 43.7 inches of precipitation annually. While the island of Taiwan receives 98 inches of average annual precipitation! The area where this tree is from and has evolved, receives far more precipitation than Southern California which is designated by the Köppen climate classification as having a Warm-summer Mediterranean climate. The average annual precipitation in Santa Barbara is 19.4 inches. With regular watering in the climate of Southern California, *Pyrus kawakamii* will do fine and mature into an aesthetically pleasing medium sized specimen tree. *Pyrus kawakamii* is considered to be a 'Medium Water Needs' tree according to San Marcos Growers, on their website it reads, "These plants require a regular irrigation regime to persist and be presentable in the garden. These plants are not necessarily considered "thirsty" and include most of the plants in the typical urban landscape. In our cool coastal climate these plants, once established in the landscape, would require irrigation once a week to once every other week. In hotter and drier times of the year, some of these plants may require more frequent irrigation and may also not require any supplemental irrigation during winter or when spring rains are abundant" ( [http://www.smgrowers.com/products/plants/plantdisplay.asp?plant\\_id=1333](http://www.smgrowers.com/products/plants/plantdisplay.asp?plant_id=1333) ). The two particular trees located in the Parkway Strip adjacent to 48 Chase Drive based on the age of the development are around 50 years old. Although well along in age the two trees in the Parkway Strip are both of rather small stature and are of stunted habit and form due to the lack of a regular water regime. In essence the designated tree species is not compatible to the climate in the region of the city where it is designated without significant supplemental water.

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In this current time of severe drought with the local reservoirs at historic lows it is now no better time to reconsider the appropriate tree species that can and should be planted in Santa Barbara.

This request for change of designation is based on the selection of two appropriate regionally specific, medium sized native California trees. The inclusion of native California trees that are regionally specific and have adapted and evolved through thousands of years to match the climate of the area are fine selections for any region of the city and particularly this area as it is located on a rather warm to hot south facing slope in the hills. In the Santa Barbara Municipal Code Chapter 15.20, Tree Planting and Maintenance, in the section 'Title' (15.20.010), the opening statement reads; "Recognizing that the urban forest is a valuable asset to the City of Santa Barbara...." This statement alone could not be more fitting and true of how important the city's trees are to the feel and character of the city of Santa Barbara. This being said, there is always room for improvement and the inclusion of native species should be paramount in the landscape of the urban forest of Santa Barbara. One reason is the fact that once established native California trees require very little to no water. A few gallons a month will keep them looking good in the driest of years.

The two tree species that are of interest for replacement, are regionally specific native California trees, *Lyonothamnus floribundus ssp. aspleniifolius*, the Santa Cruz Island Ironwood and *Prunus ilicifolia ssp. lyonii*, the Catalina Cherry. These trees are considered 'Low Water Needs' plants by San Marcos Growers, on their website it reads, "These plants might survive on normal rainfall in our coastal climate but definitely respond to occasional but infrequent irrigation. In our own test gardens plants in this category, once established in the landscape, would be given a deep irrigation every 4 to 6 weeks." ( [http://www.smgrowers.com/products/plants/plantdisplay.asp?plant\\_id=1024](http://www.smgrowers.com/products/plants/plantdisplay.asp?plant_id=1024) ) ( [http://www.smgrowers.com/products/plants/plantdisplay.asp?plant\\_id=1324](http://www.smgrowers.com/products/plants/plantdisplay.asp?plant_id=1324) ).

These trees also provide another crucial ecological aspect that many native trees and plants possess, providing habitat for native insect pollinators. Such is the case for the *Prunus ilicifolia*, the caterpillars of the pale swallowtail butterfly, (*Papilio eurymedon*) forage on this plant in their larval stage. These two ecological based reasons alone, the saving of water and habitat for native insects, should be sufficient reason to consider and grant a change of designation in tree

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species for the Parkway Strip located adjacent to 48 Chase Drive in Santa Barbara. The aesthetic value cannot be dismissed as well, as they are both beautiful species that hold their vibrant green color year-round and have very showy blooms.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

Bryan Van Derhyden Garden Designer

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[bryanvgardens@gmail.com](mailto:bryanvgardens@gmail.com)

**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL  
REQUEST**

April 2016

*Date:* 3/22/16

*Requested by:* Gene Tyburn

*Address:* 1903 State St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101

*Location of Tree:* 1903 State St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101

*Tree Species:* *Tipuana tipu*      *Common Name:* Tipu

*Zoning/Setback:* C – 2/ 0' Setback

*Reason for Removal:* Too big for location.

*Proposed Replacement:* Yes       No

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

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

*Date Posted:*

*Comments:*

**PHOTO INVENTORY**





City of Santa Barbara  
 Parks and Recreation Department  
**SETBACK TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION**

RECEIVED  
 MAR 22 2016

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

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

DATE OF REQUEST:	MARCH 2 2016
APPLICANT:	GENE TYBURN
OWNER NAME (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT):	MIR ERIC WERNICK.
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	1903 PAY JUNCTION
DAYTIME PHONE:	45032361
LOCATION OF TREE (ADDRESS):	State St on 1903 PEDREGOSA side
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	Ti TipO
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	50% Reduction To big for location.
TREE(S) WILL BE REPLACED:	Yes [ ] With: No [x]

**PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

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- Photo of tree(s) proposed for removal
- Development plan/Landscape plan

**Downey, Timothy E.**

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**From:** Escobar, Santos  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2016 10:12 AM  
**To:** 'gene tyburn'  
**Cc:** Downey, Timothy E.  
**Subject:** RE: TREE REQUEST

Good Morning Gene,

The City cannot support a 50% reduction because it doesn't comport with sound arboricultural practices as defined in Municipal Code Chapter 15.24.035 A2 shown below. Nor does the tree, in its current condition, pose a potential danger to persons or property 15.24.035 A.

**15.24.035 Lawful Significant Alteration of Trees Without a Permit.**

Notwithstanding the prohibition specified in Section 15.24.020, a tree that is subject to the prohibition specified in Section 15.24.020 may be significantly altered without a permit if the tree satisfies either of the following definitions:

A. **The tree poses a potential danger to persons or property** due to age, disease, storm, fire, or other injury; provided:

1. A written report prepared by a member of the American Society of Consulting Arborists or an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture specifying the reason(s) for the reduction and the extent of the proposed work is filed with the Parks and Recreation Director; and

2. An authorized employee of the City Parks and Recreation Department assesses the condition of the tree **and approves the proposed work as comporting with sound arboricultural practices as specified in the American National Standards Institute tree pruning standards [ANSI A300].**

B. The City Fire Department has ordered the pruning of the tree in order to maintain required defensible space or to comply with the City's Wildland Fire Plan; provided, the scope of the pruning allowed pursuant to this section is limited to the extent of the pruning specified in the Fire Department order that is filed with the Parks and Recreation Director. (Ord. 5505, 2009; Ord. 5312, 2004.)

As we discussed per telephone on March 23, 2016, you stated if the City would not allow you to trim this tree by 50% then you would be requesting to have this tree removed.

You provided a Street Tree Removal Application on March 22, 2016 which will be processed for review by the Street Tree Advisory Committee on April 7, 2016. We will be sending an agenda to the address that was provided on the application.

Respectfully,

Santos

**Santos Escobar**

*Parks Manager*

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
(805) 564-5464 | [SEscobar@SantaBarbaraCA.gov](mailto:SEscobar@SantaBarbaraCA.gov)

**From:** gene tyburn [mailto:[genetyburn@yahoo.com](mailto:genetyburn@yahoo.com)]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2016 8:45 AM

To: Escobar, Santos  
Subject: TREE REQUEST

DEAR SANTOS  
THE TREE SO NOTED IN THE REQUEST.

THIS TIPO TREE INAPPROPRIATE IN THIS LOCATION AS IT A  
VERY FAST GROWING TREE..

IT IS HANGING IN THE WIRES, OVER THE STREET TO FAR.

THE OWNER HAS HAD TO PRUNE IT EVER SIX MONTHS AS  
IT GROWS MUCH TO FAST ..AND ALL THE TREE PEOPLE IN  
TOWN ARE SO **FEARFUL OF DOWNEYS** THREATS AND  
BEHAVIOR THEY ARE AFRAID TO PRUNE IT IN A WAY THAT  
MAKES SENCE .

IT IS ALSO ...CRACKING THE SIDE WALK AND WILL COST THE  
CITY TO REPAIR THE TRIP SITUATION.  
SO A REMOVAL ONLY MAKES SENCE.

THE ALTERNATIVE TO THIS SITUATION IS TO LET US GET  
CONTROL OF THIS OUT OF CONTROL TREE IS TO LET US  
PRUNE IT DOWN 50% AND LET US MAINTAIN IT AT  
THAT LEAVEL FOR THE OWNER AND THE GOOD OF THE  
COMMUNITY.

GENE TYBURN CERTIFIED ARBORIST FOR 40 YEARS.  
TLCTREES.NET  
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City of Santa Barbara  
**FORESTRY DIVISION**

ATTACHMENT

**STREET TREE MASTER PLAN  
SPECIES DESIGNATION CHANGE  
FOR ADOPTION**

Continued from  
March 2016

Date: 2/22/16

Location: All of Calle Puerto Vallarta

Present Species Designation: None

Proposed Change to:

Existing Species Profile:

Reasons for Recommended Change: To designate a street tree.

**PARK COMMISSION ACTION  
PHOTO INVENTORY**

Change Adopted:

Change Denied:

Date of Action:



City of Santa Barbara  
**FORESTRY DIVISION**

**ATTACHMENT**

**STREET TREE MASTER PLAN  
SPECIES DESIGNATION CHANGE  
FOR ADOPTION**

**April 2016**

Date: 3/28/16

Location: 300 block of N. La Cumbre Rd.

Present Species Designation: *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, *Jacaranda* (1977 Master Plan)

Proposed Change to:

Existing Species Profile:

Reasons for Recommended Change: Designate a street tree for 2 ½' proposed parkway to be developed.

**PARK COMMISSION ACTION  
PHOTO INVENTORY**

Change Adopted:

Change Denied:

Date of Action: