



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**  
**PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT**

**AGENDA DATE:** February 28, 2007  
**TO:** Park and Recreation Commission  
**FROM:** Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department  
**SUBJECT:** Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission:

**A. Approve the following Street Tree and Set Back Tree removal requests.**

**SETBACK TREES**

1. 318 W. Cota St. – Rosie Uribe – Araucaria heterophylla

Justification: The Committee and staff determined that removal of this tree would be in the best interest of the applicant and the neighborhood. The tree has a history of losing large limbs and dropping cones. In addition, the Committee believes that the tree will only continue to outgrow its planting area and is likely to cause further damage if allowed to remain.

**B. Deny the following Street Tree and Setback Tree removal requests.**

**STREET TREES**

1. 1001 Olive St. – Ernest A. Watson – Olea europaea

Justification: The Committee and staff determined that the tree is in good health and suggested the owner prune the canopy of the Monterey Pine located in the front yard setback. The Committee recommends that the applicant remove large branches from the Monterey pine to increase light transfer and allow the Olive tree to grow in a more vertical manner.

2. 15 W. Junipero St. – Patricia Ruja – Washingtonia robusta

Justification: The Committee and staff determined that there is no justification for removal at this time. The applicant is concerned about falling dry palm fronds. This tree has been scheduled for service at which time the accumulation of fronds will be removed.

3. 211 & 215 W. De La Guerra St. – Mary A. Williams – *Syagrus romanzoffianum*

Justification: The Committee and staff determined that the trees are healthy. There is no indication that these palms are prone to failure or that they present a clear danger to the public or property. The city maintains approximately 2000 Queen Palms and the incidence of tree failure is not common.

#### SETBACK TREES

4. 3 S. Soledad St. – Jose A. Peralta Sr. – *Phoenix canariensis*

Justification: The Committee and staff determined that the tree was healthy, that it provides significant bird habitat and that it represents a skyline tree in the area. The Committee recommends that the applicant maintain the tree on a more frequent basis to ensure that fronds do not continue falling.

**DISCUSSION:** See above

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 318 W. Cota St.
2. 1001 Olive St.
3. 15 W. Junipero St.
4. 211 & 215 W. De La Guerra St.
5. 3 S. Soledad St.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Randy Fritz, Street Tree Inspector

**APPROVED BY:** Nancy L. Rapp, Parks & Recreation Director