



City of Santa Barbara  
FORESTRY DIVISION  
STREET TREE REMOVAL REQUEST

ATTACHMENT 1

October 2008

Date: 9/24/08

Requested by: Earthform Design, Jeannette Candau

Address: 1227 De La Vina St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Location of Tree: West Beach Cabrillo Blvd.

Tree Species: *Washingtonia robusta* Common Name: MEXICAN FAN PALM

Requested Reason for Relocation: New construction.

Species recommended by the Approved Plan: (4) *Washingtonia robusta*, MEXICAN FAN PALM

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approve Relocation:  Deny Removal:

Staff Recommendation: Approve Relocation:  Deny Removal:

Date Posted: 10/9/08

*Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations:* Committee recommends that the Commission approve relocations. The Committee approves relocation on the condition new trees at the Ambassador crossing be certified to be free of disease and are a minimum 20' trunk height measured to the bottom of the lowest green frond.

*Staff Recommendations:* Staff agrees with the relocation of the palms with the following changes. Staff recommends the trees at Ambassador crosswalk remain (2) *Washingtonia robusta*. If the *Washingtonia robustas* are to remain, they would be slightly relocated. Staff disagrees with the placement of *Phoenix canariensis* on Cabrillo Boulevard. This is due to the following reasons:

- The designated species for Cabrillo Boulevard is *Washingtonia robusta*.
- The fronds of the *Phoenix canariensis* have sharp spines that would present a danger to pedestrians.
- The trunks of the Phoenix are much thicker than the Washintonia and would present a larger visual barrier to pedestrians trying to cross.
- The fronds and fruit of Phoenix drop more readily than Washingtonia creating a higher level of service for these trees to keep the area safe.

Staff recommends that two Washingtonias be relocated to the Sea Landing area and two be slightly relocated at Ambassador Park crossing.

*PHOTO INVENTORY*

