

**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL
REQUEST**

Date: 12/18/07

Requested by: Lauren Emma

Address: PO Box 291, Santa Barbara, CA 93102

Location of Tree: 1431 Shoreline Dr.

Tree Species: *Ficus microcarpa 'Nitida'* **Common Name:** INDIAN LAUREL FIG

Zoning/Setback: E – 3 Zoning 20' Setback

Reason for Removal: Certified arborist Chuck Christman informed me that this tree will grow to an enormous height, will need ongoing maintenance, and will eventually disrupt nearby fences, sidewalks, foundations, and perhaps water lines, due to its invasive root system. A major branch has already broken off, and because it leans severely, it will eventually topple over onto the sidewalk and street on Shoreline Dr. There are obviously major liability, issues here which I wish to avoid.

Property Owner will pay removal / replacement cost: Immediately, with the largest fast – growing, aesthetically appropriate tree I can afford.

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

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

Comments: The Committee felt the location of the tree would create problems at the site due to the aggressive nature of this species. The Committee and staff recommend the Commission approve the removal with the condition the applicant replace with another tree planted in the setback area.

Date Posted: 1/9/08

PHOTO INVENTORY

