



## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** May 25, 2016  
**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission  
**FROM:** Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department  
**SUBJECT:** Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission:

A. Approve the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. 2023 Edgewater Way – *Ficus benjamina*, Weeping Fig – Michael Broz

The applicant is requesting to remove one of a group of weeping figs along the front of the property. The applicant intends to evaluate the property after this removal to determine if pruning or additional removals will be needed to open up visibility of the property. The Committee determined that there are overlapping canopies along this property and that other trees would benefit from the removal of this tree. The Committee (3/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removal.

B. Approve the following changes to the Street Tree Master Plan:

1. 00 block of Chase Dr. – Co-designate *Prunus ilicifolia*, Holly Leaf Cherry – Bryan Van Derhyden

At the April 27, 2016 meeting the Commission denied a request to remove two *Pyrus kawakamii*, Evergreen Pear Trees at 48 Chase Drive. The applicant is interested in promoting native, drought tolerant species for this property. Although the applicant's request to remove two street trees was denied, the Committee determined that co-designating another tree that could be planted between the existing trees would be a benefit for this street. The Committee (3/0) recommends that the Commission co-designate *Prunus ilicifolia*, Holly Leaf Cherry for the 00 block of Chase Dr.

2. 400 block of Calle Puerto Vallarta – Designate *Eriobotrya deflexa* 'Coppertone', Bronze Loquat – Bob Cunningham

The 400 block of Calle Puerto Vallarta is currently planted with a mixture of Chinese Elm and Chinese Flame Trees. This section of Calle Puerto Vallarta does not currently have a tree designated. As part of a sidewalk infill project along lower Milpas Street the Public Works Department will be creating space to plant new trees along the 400 block of Calle Puerto Vallarta. The Committee determined the Bronze Loquat has a similar shape to the existing trees and would be more suitable for the small parkways that are proposed. The Committee (3/0) recommends that the Commission approve *Eriobotrya deflexa* 'Coppertone', Bronze Loquat for the 400 block of Calle Puerto Vallarta.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 2023 Edgewater Way
2. 00 block of Chase Dr.
3. 400 block of Calle Puerto Vallarta

**PREPARED BY:** Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent

**APPROVED BY:** Jill E. Zachary, Parks and Recreation Director