

March 2017

Date: 2/9/17

Requested by: Blanca F. Benedict

Address: 2514 Castillo St., Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Location of Tree: 2514 Castillo St., Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Tree Species: *Eucalyptus nicholii*

Common Name: Nichols Willow Leafed Peppermint

Requested Reason for Removal: The condition and structure of the tree and the potential for proper growth is insufficient; the tree is susceptible to loss of large portions of its limbs.

Current designated Street Tree: *Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak (1977 Master Plan)

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

Staff Recommendation: Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

Date Posted: 3/8/17

Comments: The Committee (3/1/1) recommends that the Commission deny the removal.

PHOTO INVENTORY





CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

City of Santa Barbara
Parks and Recreation Department

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SETBACK TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION
STREET

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

Physical Address:
402 E. Ortega St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
FAX (805) 897-2524

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

PAID

DATE OF REQUEST:	January 6, 2017
APPLICANT:	Blanca F. Benedict
OWNER NAME (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT):	
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	2514 Castillo Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93105
DAYTIME PHONE:	805-660-1587 <i>blancaflor112@cox.net</i>
LOCATION OF TREE (ADDRESS):	2514 Castillo Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93105
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	Redwood Eucalyptus <i>Eucalyptus Nicholii</i> <i>Nichols Willow Leafed Peppermint</i>
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	The condition and structure of the tree and the potential for proper growth is insufficient; the tree is susceptible to loss of large portions of its limbs. [see attached information]
TREES WILL BE REPLACED?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES WITH: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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

a. Whether such a tree is designated as an historic or specimen tree;

- 1] This particular Redwood Eucalyptus is **NOT** designated as an historic or specimen tree.

b. Whether the tree species and placement conform to the "Master Street Plan", 33 rev. 12/31/09:

- 1] This species is **NOT** currently designated.

c. The condition and structure of the tree and the potential for proper tree growth and development of the tree canopy....

- 1] The condition and structure and potential for proper tree growth and development of the tree canopy are **insufficient**;

Large trees such as this Redwood Eucalyptus should not be planted near driveways or sidewalks. It is not a suitable type of tree to be planted in the location that it now stands.

Every branch of this tree sways in the wind and acts dynamically with the other branches and the trunk in a complex way. This interaction between the various components of a tree at risk can potentially cause significant failure and most tree failures occur during winds and storms.

When trees fall, they can cause significant damage to property, people and pets—they can be a BIG Liability that way;

This particular Redwood Eucalyptus tree already has a history of the loss of large portions of its limbs; is riddled with termites and is inappropriate specie to be located where it is.

d. The number and location of adjacent trees on City property and the possibility of maintaining desirable tree density in the area through additional planting on City property and;

1] In the case at hand the number and location of adjacent trees on City property result in adequate location of adjacent tree with no need to replace the tree to be removed. [See photo]

e. Any beneficial effects upon adjacent trees to be expected from the proposed removal

1] Benefits are such that removal would allow for abundant sun light for the surrounding trees and property vegetation.

2] The removal would also benefit those travelling on the roadway and the sidewalk; there would be little or no risk of falling branches or limbs injuring them.

2a. There would be little or no buckling of the sidewalk and therefore the incident of pedestrian tripping would on a lifted sidewalk would be abated.

2b. Travelers and residents would not have to worry about bark, and braches hitting them. The history of the Redwood Eucalyptus has required City workers to respond to for the removal of large limbs.

2c. Vehicles entering and exiting the driveway would have a much improved line of vision for oncoming traffic and therefore greatly reduce the chance of a vehicle accident.

