

**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL
REQUEST**

April 2017

Date: 3/1/17

Requested by: Arbor Services, Inc.

Address: PO Box 1201, Goleta, CA 93117

Location of Tree: 333 Vista De La Cumbre, Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Tree Species: (2) *Koelreuteria paniculata*

Common Name: Goldenrain Tree

Zoning/Setback: E – 3/SD-2 20'/10' Setback

Reason for Removal: Decline.

Proposed Replacement: Yes No

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Conditionally Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

Staff Recommendation: Conditionally Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

Date Posted: 4/14/17

Comments: The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removal of both trees on the condition the applicant replace each with two trees as proposed on their application.

PHOTO INVENTORY





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Tim Downey
Parks & Recreation
City of Santa Barbara
P.O. Box 1990
Santa Barbara, CA 93102

RE: *333 Vista De La Cumbre Setback Tree Removal Application*

Dear Tim,

On behalf of my client, I would like to submit the enclosed Setback Tree Removal Application for two Golden Rain Trees (*Koelreuteria paniculata*) located at 333 Vista De La Cumbre, a single-family residence. Both trees are in fair to poor condition and will be replaced.

The property has a relatively high biomass density for the lot size. Mature trees include a large Stone Pine in the backyard, Liquidambar and two Jacaranda in the front setback and a California Pepper on the east property line. Removal should have little to no impact on the surrounding neighborhood's characteristic given the species and size selection of the replacement trees.

The larger Golden Rain Tree (18 inch dbh) is located over the gas line in the applicant's front yard (Photo 1). It has had a history of dieback, possibly from drought stress. They would like to remove and replace with a 24 inch box California Pepper (*Schinus molle*) further to the east away from the gas line and to alleviate congestion with the adjacent Liquidambar.

The second proposed removal is a smaller Golden Rain Tree (9 dbh) at the end of the driveway (Photo 1). There is visual evidence of basal decay (Photo 2 and 3). The replacement would be a 15 gallon *Jacaranda mimosifolia* to match the adjacent street trees.

Please contact me if you require any additional information. I appreciate your assistance in processing this application.

Sincerely,

Karen Christman
Certified Arborist/Plant Health Care Specialist

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Photo: 1 Golden Rain Tree Removal candidates at 333 Vista De La Cumbre, Santa Barbara. Yellow arrow indicates larger tree over gas line. Red arrow indicates smaller tree with basal decay (Google Earth, 2017).



Photo 2: Basal decay (red arrow) on west crown of Golden Rain Tree (9 dbh inches) on east end of drive at 333 Vista De La Cumbre (Christman, 2017).



Photo 1: Basal decay at south and east crown area (red arrows) of Golden Rain Tree (dbh 9 inches) at 333 Vista De La Cumbre (Christman, 2017).