

**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL  
REQUEST**

**May 2017**

*Date:* 4/24/17

*Requested by:* Thomas and Cheryl Banigan

*Address:* [tpbanigan@gmail.com](mailto:tpbanigan@gmail.com) and [cbanigan@cox.net](mailto:cbanigan@cox.net)

*Location of Tree:* 636 Ricardo Ave., Santa Barbara, CA 93109

*Tree Species:* *Calocedrus decurrens*      *Common Name:* Incense Cedar

*Zoning/Setback:* E – 1 30' Setback

*Reason for Removal:* Poor tree health, cracking garden wall and garage slab, and possible plumbing intrusion.

*Proposed Replacement:* Yes  with *Ficus*      No

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

*Staff Recommendation:* Approve Removal:       Deny Removal:

*Date Posted:* 5/9/17

*Comments:* The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission deny the removal.

**PHOTO INVENTORY**



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PARK & RECREATION  
PARKS DIVISION



**City of Santa Barbara  
Parks and Recreation Department  
SETBACK TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION**

**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

*PAID*

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

DATE OF REQUEST:	4/20/2017
APPLICANT:	Thomas and Cheryl Banigan
OWNER NAME (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT):	<i>tpbanigan@gmail.com cbanigan@cox.net</i>
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	636 Ricardo Avenue Santa Barbara, CA 93109
DAYTIME PHONE:	805 275-2365
LOCATION OF TREE (ADDRESS):	636 Ricardo Avenue
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	cedar
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	1.) poor tree health 2.) cracking garden wall and garage slab 3.) possible plumbing intrusion
TREES WILL BE REPLACED?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES WITH: ficus <input 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

April 20, 2017

City of Santa Barbara  
Parks and Recreation Dept.

Dear Permit Reviewer,

At this time, we wish to request approval for removal of a cedar tree in front of our house at 636 Ricardo Avenue, SB. Although we have enjoyed this tree for several decades, it has reached a size and health condition which is no longer suitable in our front yard.

Visually, and as confirmed by an ISA Certified Arborist (#WE-4003B), the tree is in poor health and significant recovery is not likely. It is currently causing structural damage to a garden wall and has caused cracking on the length of the garage slab. There is also possibility it has contributed to underground plumbing issues.

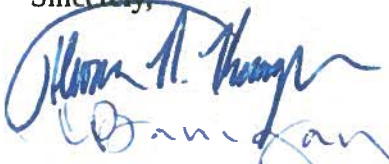
Removal is not associated with a new development or a redevelopment.

The tree is not a designated specimen, historic tree or located on a property with a designated historic landmark.

We intend to replace this tree with a ficus benjamina.

We appreciate your review of our application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom and Cheryl Banigan". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Tom and Cheryl Banigan



## **Gosnell Tree & Landscape, Inc.**

1088 N. Fairview Avenue, Goleta, CA 93117 · Phone 805-963-2523 · Fax 805-899-4063

To Whom It May Concern:

*"On 4/19/17 I visited the Banigan residence at 636 Ricardo Ave. I was asked to access the health of an Incense Cedar growing at the Northwest corner of the house. The tree is approximately 40 feet tall and likely planted at the time the house was built. I found the tree to be in poor health due to age, drought and less than ideal conditions. There is large deadwood throughout the canopy and while the deadwood could be removed, this species of tree will not grow new limbs and foliage to replace what has been lost. This will leave an uneven and unvisually balanced canopy. It is also unlikely that this tree will recover and further decline should be expected. The Banigans would like to remove this tree and replace it with a more appropriate species."*

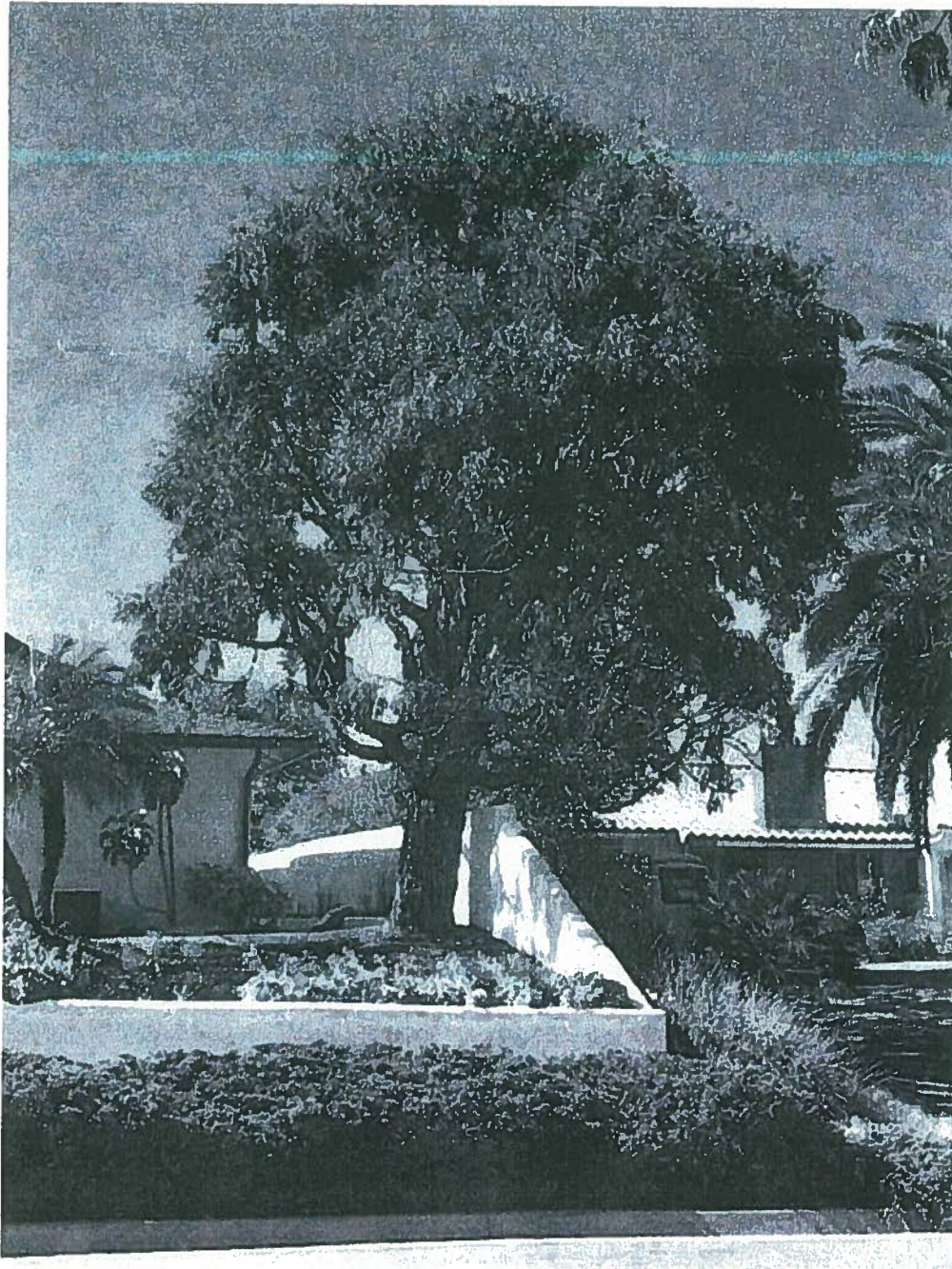
Sincerely,

Sheridan Stanton

ISA Board Certified Master Arborist #WE-4003B



From: tpbanigan@gmail.com   
Subject: Tree Pic  
Date: April 20, 2017 at 9:53 AM  
To: The Banigans cbanigan@cox.net



Sent from my iPhone