

**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL
REQUEST**

August 2018

Date: 7/23/18

Requested by: Kate Novotny, Alston Cottage, LLC

Address: Kate@movetomalibu.com

Location of Tree: 714 Alston Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93108

Tree Species: *Acacia melanoxylon*, *Common Name:* Black Acacia

Zoning/Setback: RS-25 30' Setback

Reason for Removal: Tree is at end of life, dry and brittle. Branches are falling.

Proposed Replacement: Yes w/ Melaleuca or Olive. No

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

Staff Recommendation: Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

Date Posted: 8/9/18

Comments: The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission deny removal without prejudice.

PHOTO INVENTORY





CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

City of Santa Barbara
Parks and Recreation Department

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SETBACK TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

PARK & RECREATION
PARKS DIVISION

Mailing Address:
PO Box 1990
Santa Barbara, CA 93102
(805) 564-5433 FAX (805) 897-2524

Physical Address:
402 E. Ortega St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

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

PAID

DATE OF REQUEST:	July 22 '18.
APPLICANT:	ALSTON COTTAGE, LLC (KATE NOVOTNY)
OWNER NAME (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT):	SAME Kate@movetomalibu.com
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	P.O. Box 337, MALIBU CA 90265
DAYTIME PHONE:	310-924-9337
LOCATION OF TREE (ADDRESS):	714 ALSTON RD.
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	BLACK ACCACIA
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	TREE IS AT END OF LIFE & DRY AND BRITTLE - BRANCHES ARE FALLING
TREE(S) WILL BE REPLACED: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> With: No <input type="checkbox"/>	MALIBU CA OR OLIVE TREE / 1 LARGE - 1 SMALL

SMALL.

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- > Property owner letter, indicating reasons for removal. Also include whether:
 - o The removal application is associated with new development or redevelopment of property
 - o 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
 - o 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

Date: July 22, 2018

Address: 714 Alston Road, Santa Barbara.

Re: Black Acacia Tree removal

We are requesting to remove a large Black Acacia tree located in our front yard, which has become very dry and brittle because it is at the end of its life. At this point we are concerned that it will snap, entirely or branches of it will continue to fall with high winds and take out the power lines or worst case fall on our house.

There was a second one of the same age in our yard and it crashed down last winter, so we are trying to pre-empt a similar event.

This is not associated with any new development or redevelopment of the property.

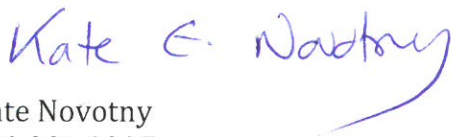
The tree is not a designated Specimen or Historic Tree.

We do not have a landscape plan.

We were told that the tree was at the end of its life a couple of years ago and have been trimming and nurturing it because we really don't want to have to take it down, however, at this time it seems to be getting dangerous and needs to be removed and replaced.

We would replace it with another black acacia however, they are really hard to find of any decent size. We propose replacing it with a large single stem Melaleuca. We could also put in an Olive tree. A Sycamore tree would be my last choice, because it is not evergreen, although we can find a fairly significantly sized one I am sure.

Please advise,



Kate Novotny
310.924.9337