



## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** May 22, 2019

**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 requests to change the Street Tree Master Plan:

1. 1200 block of Portesuello Ave. – add *Pistacia chinensis*, Chinese Pistache, as a co-designated tree – William Waters

The currently designated tree is *Melaleuca viminalis*, Weeping Bottlebrush. The applicant is requesting this change in anticipation of submitting a future street tree removal application. The 1100 – 1300 blocks of Portesuello Avenue has nine different species planted. It is unknown how so many species were installed. The *Melaleuca viminalis*, Weeping Bottlebrush, and *Pistacia chinensis*, Chinese Pistache, have similar maintenance needs. The Committee determined since there are existing trees of these two species in the 1100 and 1300 blocks, co-designating this species for the 1200 block would provide for consistency in species throughout these three blocks once other species are removed over time. The Committee (5/0) recommends that the Commission co-designate *Pistacia chinensis*, Chinese Pistache, for the 1200 block of Portesuello Ave.

2. All of Jesmary Ln. – Designate new species – Alex Pujo

At the March 27, 2019 meeting, the Commission approved the removal of two front setback trees at 2122 Bath Street on the condition as many street trees as feasible be planted in the proposed parkways to be developed along the Jesmary Lane side of the property. Jesmary Lane does not have a designated street tree in the Master Street Tree Plan. The Committee determined the *Handroanthus impetiginosus*, Pink Trumpet Tree is similar in texture and form to the Jacaranda cited by Mr. Pujo, and that the potential size of the Pink Trumpet Tree is a better fit for Jesmary Lane than the Jacaranda. The Committee (5/0) recommends that the Commission designate *Handroanthus impetiginosus*, Pink Trumpet Tree for all of Jesmary Lane.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 1200 block Portesuello Ave.
2. All of Jesmary Ln.

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