

May 2019

**STREET TREE MASTER PLAN  
SPECIES DESIGNATION CHANGE  
FOR ADOPTION**

Date: 4/24/19

Location: 1200 block of Portesuello Ave.

Present Species Designation: *Melaleuca viminalis*, Weeping Bottlebrush



Proposed Change to: The Committee (5/0) recommends that the Commission co-designate *Pistache chinensis*, Chinese Pistache for the 1200 block of Portesuello Ave.

Existing Species Profile: *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm, *Juniperus chinensis 'Torulosa'*, Hollywood Juniper, *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda, *Melaleuca citrin*, Lemon Bottlebrush, *Melaleuca viminalis*, Weeping Bottlebrush, *Pistacia chinensis*, Chinese Pistache, *Pyrus kawakamii*, Evergreen Pear, *Liquidambar styraciflua* American Sweetgum

Reasons for Recommended Change:

**PARK COMMISSION ACTION  
PHOTO INVENTORY**

Change Adopted:

Change Denied:

Date of Action:

APR 10 2019

PARK & RECREATION  
PARKS DIVISION

To: City Arborist Timothy Downey

From: Justin Schroeder

Subject: Santa Barbara City Street Tree Master Plan (1200 block of Portesuello Avenue)

Date: 04/12/2019

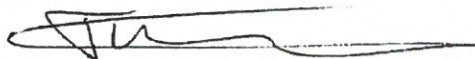
The purpose of this letter is to add the Chinese pistache tree to the street tree master plan for the 1200 block of Portesuello Avenue. My understanding is that currently the only tree permitted in the 1200 block is the weeping bottlebrush tree. The Chinese pistache tree has been approved for both the 1100 and 1300 blocks of Portesuello Avenue so it would make sense to add it to the 1200 block for tree maintenance and continuity purposes.

A survey of the 1200 block of Portesuello Avenue shows that already 23 of the 28 street trees have been changed to trees that do not conform with the street tree master plan. It is the authors opinion that most of this has been done illegally because certain residents do not like the weeping bottlebrush trees. By adding the Chinese pistache tree as an option for residents, it will likely reduce the amount of illegal tree removal and planting.

The Chinese pistache tree is an ornamental deciduous tree that provides an excellent canopy in the spring and summer and beautiful color in the fall. Almost all the residents in the 1100 and 1300 blocks of Portesuello Avenue who were surveyed stated that they enjoyed and appreciated the Chinese pistache trees. Adding the Chinese pistache tree to the street tree master plan for the 1200 block of Portesuello Avenue will not only give residents more choice of street trees, but will ensure the urban forest remains enjoyable and relatively easy to maintain.

Thank you in advance for your time in this matter,

Justin Schroeder



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