

**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL  
REQUEST**

**December 2019**

*Date:* 11/25/19

*Requested by:* Christopher Kay

*Address:* [chriskay70@gmail.com](mailto:chriskay70@gmail.com)

*Location of Tree:* 104 Santa Cruz Blvd., Santa Barbara, CA 93109

*Tree Species:* *Pittosporum undulatum*, *Common Name:* Victorian Box

*Zoning/Setback:* E-3/SD-3 20'

*Reason for Removal:* Declining vigor and safety concerns.

*Proposed Replacement:* Yes  w/ Multiple trees No

*Advisory Committee Recommendation:* Conditionally Approve Removal:  Deny Removal:  N/A

*Staff Recommendation:* Conditionally Approve Removal:  Deny Removal:

*Date Posted:* 12/5/19

*Comments:* The Committee recommends (5/0) that the Commission approve removal of the *Pittosporum undulatum*, Victorian Box with the condition it be replaced with a canopy tree that can achieve a mature height of 30 feet, and that it be planted within the front setback on Santa Cruz Blvd.

**PHOTO INVENTORY**





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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 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:	11/18/19
APPLICANT:	Christopher Kay
OWNER NAME (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT):	Reyne Stagemann
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	chriskay70@gmail.com
DAYTIME PHONE:	805 - 689-1064
LOCATION OF TREE (ADDRESS):	104 Santa Cruz RCD
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	Pittosporum Undulatum
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	in decline, hazard to cars, pedestrians
TREE(S) WILL BE REPLACED:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> With: phoenix robelini No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

November 26, 2019

City of Santa Barbara  
City Parks and Recreation Department

RE: Setback Tree Removal Application – 104 Santa Cruz Blvd

To Whom It May Concern,

We are updating the front of their home, i.e. landscape along street

The home is NOT designated "historic".

The (1) proposed tree removal is NOT designated "historic".

The tree that we would like to remove is a *Pittosporum undulatum* (Victorian Box).

It is a non-native and is on the "Watch List" of the California Invasive Plant Council.

We have experienced the invasive nature of this tree it reseeds constantly,

AND this particular tree is NOT healthy. Since years of drought, it has had noticeable die back that presents a risk to public health, safety and welfare.

These trees have been known to drop limbs and or topple when they are this unhealthy. Presently, it towers over our car, house and the public street (where many beach goers park. Damage to private property and or people is very likely when this tree drops its limbs and/or topples.

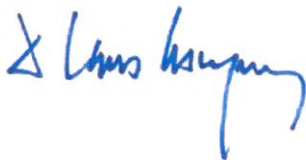
We intend replace the proposed removals with mostly palms that echo the neighborhood palm trees and are of a smaller scale – a scale in keeping with the house. There are currently (2) *Phoenix canariensis* and (2) *Washingtonia* street trees (palms).

In front of the house, we intend to use:

- (5) Pygmy Date Palms (*Phoenix roebelenii*)
- (3) Windmill palms (*Trachycarpus fortunei*)
- (1) *Bauhinia blakeana* (Hong Kong Orchid)

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Leland Walmsley, ASLA  
Evergreen Landscape Architects, Inc.  
(on behalf of Frank & Reyne Stapelmann  
104 Santa Cruz Blvd  
Santa Barbara, CA 93109