

Date: 12/4/2019

Requested by: Ann Tozier

Address: anntozier@gmail.com

Location of Tree: 216 Santa Rosa Pl., Santa Barbara, CA 93109

Tree Species: *Brachychiton populneus*, **Common Name:** Kurrajong

Requested Reason for Removal: Poor performance.

Current designated Street Tree: *Metrosideros excelsus*, New Zealand Christmas Tree (May 24, 1995)
(Unknown)

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

Staff Recommendation: Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

Date Posted: 2/11/20

Comments: The Committee recommends (5/0) that the Commission deny the removal.

PHOTO INVENTORY





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PARK & RECREATION
PARKS DIVISION

City of Santa Barbara
Parks and Recreation Department
STREET TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

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

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

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

PAID

DATE OF REQUEST:	12/4/19
APPLICANT:	Ann Tozier
ADJACENT OWNER NAME: (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT):	?
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	anntozier@gmail.com 216 Santa Rosa Pl., SB 93109
DAYTIME PHONE:	805-680-0757
TREE LOCATION (Address):	216 Santa Rosa Pl. 93109
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	unknown
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	failure to thrive and no longer the legal street tree.

As well as sewer line + sidewalk destruction. *

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
- > Photo of tree(s) proposed for removal
- > Development plan/Landscape plan

* Would like to replace with newly designated Street tree.

January 13, 2020

Ann Tozier & Joe Blommer
216 Santa Rosa Place
Santa Barbara, CA 93109

RE: Removal of existing street tree, and replacement with currently designated street tree

Dear Nathan Slack and Santa Barbara Parks & Recreation:

We submitted a request to be permitted to remove our existing street tree and replace it with the newly designated street tree for 216 Santa Rosa Place, Santa Barbara. This letter contains our reasons for the request. We live half of the year in June Lake, CA, 6.5 hours away, and may not be able to attend the meeting(s) at which our request will be considered.

The house at 216 Santa Rosa Place was purchased in 1982. The current street tree was in existence at the time of that purchase. The reasons for our desire to remove and replace the street tree are as follows:

- In all of the time we have lived in and owned that home this street tree has never thrived. There have been years when we thought it might even die. In one discussion with former SB City Arborist Dan Condon, he expressed the opinion that those particular trees never did well there. Perhaps that is why the street tree for our block was changed.
- The currently designated street tree for our block is the New Zealand Christmas Tree, different from the existing (sorry, we cannot remember what the name is). Some neighbors already have the new tree.
- In 2011 we incurred \$7,000 in personal expense because the roots of the tree dislocated our sewer line, and the City would not pay for it, although it is a City tree. There have been other instances where we had to have roots cleared from that same sewer line, most recently in 2016.
- The sidewalk section next to the tree has been uplifted by the tree roots and is a hazard to pedestrians, as well as a liability to us and the City.

We understand that, if allowed to remove and replace this tree, it would be entirely at our expense and we are amenable to that.

Thank you so much for seriously considering, and hopefully granting, our request.



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