

**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL  
REQUEST**

June 2020

*Date:* 5/18/2020

*Requested by:* Robert and Alyce Parsons

*Address:* [aparsons@parsonsgroupinc.com](mailto:aparsons@parsonsgroupinc.com)

*Location of Tree:* 1616 Hillcrest Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93103

*Tree Species:* *Quercus agrifolia* *Common Name:* Coast Live Oak

*Zoning/Setback:* RS-1A 35'

*Reason for Removal:* Tree is dying. Tree is leaning towards house and will damage structure if it falls.

*Proposed Replacement:* Yes  No

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

*Staff Recommendation:* Approve Removal:  Deny Removal:

*Date Posted:* 6/10/2020

*Comments:* The Committee recommends (4/0) that the Commission deny the removal without prejudice to allow applicant to come back at a later date with an arborist report that supports the removal.

**PHOTO INVENTORY**





35'

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

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

MAY 18 2020  
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)

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DATE OF REQUEST:	5.14.20
APPLICANT:	Robert + Alyce Parsons
OWNER NAME (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT):	aparsons@parsonsgroupinc.com
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	1616 Hillcrest Rd SB, CA 93103
DAYTIME PHONE:	805-570-8847 Cell - Alyce 805-966-7694 - Home
LOCATION OF TREE (ADDRESS):	1616 Hillcrest Rd SB, CA 93103
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	OAK
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	Tree is dying. We have spent 4 years trimming, etc. But no effect. Tree is leaning towards house & will damage structure if it falls
TREE(S) WILL BE REPLACED: Yes [ ] With: No [x]	we have over 20 oaks on property, with 3 new ones already growing in the area -

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

May 14, 2020

City of Santa Barbara  
Parks and Recreation Department  
PO BOX 1990  
Santa Barbara, CA 93102

RE: Setback Tree Removal

Dear Sirs,

We are requesting to be able to have an oak tree removed. The tree has struggled for the past 4 years, with interventions that have included trimming, removal of plant material below it, and increased watering. The tree is no longer able to create branches with leaves but only suckers close to its main limbs.

The Tree leans towards our house and we are concerned that if it falls it will damage our house. We have had a number of large trees fall in our neighborhood which has added to our concerns.

Our property is 1 acre and we have over 20 oak trees on the site. Most of the others are in good health. We also have three new volunteers in the area of this old tree which we have encouraged to grow.

Thank you for your prompt consideration. As we have experienced exceptionally strong winds recently this has added to our concern.

Sincerely,



Alyce Parsons

1616 Hillcrest Road

Santa Barbara, CA 93103

Home: 805 966 7694 Cell: 805 570 8847