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City of Mountain View
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**Heritage Tree Appeal
615 Cuesta Drive
Cuesta Park
TREE #1, ID#8403
TREE #2, ID #8402**



I wish to appeal against the decision to approve removal of two Italian Stone Pines located at the entrance to Cuesta Park.

Condition of Tree #1 - Poor structure including bark; large decay pocket in trunk
Condition of Tree #2 - Poor structure including bark

I have researched pictures of Italian Stone Pine trees and have noted no significant difference in the appearance of structure, or bark, between these two trees and other (healthy) trees featured online.

These trees are giant, beautiful trees that greatly enhance the appearance of the entrance to the tennis court parking lot and to Cuesta Park itself. Over the last few years, we have lost a large number of pine trees of similar size in this park, mostly due to beetle infestation and subsequent, visible, decline. However, both of these trees appear in good health, with no significant loss of color or needles.

I urge the city to reconsider the fate of both of these magnificent trees.

Yours truly,

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