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City Clerk's Office

500 Castro Street

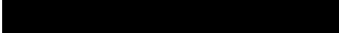
Mountain View, CA 94041

To whom it may concern:


Please accept this letter in support of my appeal to the recent notification at 1430 Mercy Street to remove the large redwood tree. The tree is in excellent condition and is the largest tree in the neighborhood, and perhaps one of the largest in Mountain View. It adds significant character to the neighborhood and has important cultural value. As the tree is well over 100 years old, it is an icon of the history of the city. It is also a keystone to the surrounding ecosystem, as it provides habitat for local fauna, and structure and shade for flora around it. It will take well over another 100 years to grow something remotely similar, and given climate change, it is not likely that a young Redwood tree could thrive as this well-established one does.

The reason stated on the notification is that the tree is causing damage to the back structure which is slab concrete. This structure is very old and dilapidated, and given the that the property has recently changed hands, the most likely scenario is that the structure will be tom down. One can therefore assume the real reason for the request to remove the tree is for new construction.

I would request that Mr. Tu, his developers, and the city of Mountain View please maintain the tree as is, and consider ways to build around the tree for whatever type of structure is planned there for the future.

One of the best things about Mountain View is the many trees that grow across our community. It is one of the things that drew me to Mountain View and helps makes it a world-class place to live. With the reasons above stated, I respectfully request that the city of Mountain View withdraw its approval to remove this majestic redwood tree. I appreciate your consideration, and remain at your disposal for any further questions regarding my appeal. I can be best reached at 

Yours sincerely,



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