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Re: Heritage Tree Removal
1950 San Ramon Ave.
Walnut tree

The walnut tree in question sits in front of a four-plex apartment.

The tree's canopy (in spite of pruning) shades our unit and the unit above. During the hot summer months the tree's shade makes our apartment 5-10 degrees cooler. ☺

The apartment is old, no air conditioning and poor insulation, so this shade is very important to us.

In addition the canopy of the tree, and the junipers below, provide a great deal of security. San Ramon Avenue gets a lot of foot traffic - because of all this growth

in the front people do not notice our unit. This may seem a small point - but it does add to a feeling of privacy and security.

Since moving into this unit years ago I've asked the property manager not to cut the junipers in front for this very reason - the tree and bushes make our half of the building "invisible" to passersby.

Any new tree planted on the property may have a short life span. This parcel is owned by an elderly person. The property is worth millions to developers - it could easily accommodate four single-family units. A new tree would be cut down if the property is re-developed.

Why not keep the current walnut tree where it can live out its remaining days providing half the knant's security and shade? Thank you for your consideration.

