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Ladies and gentleman of the Mountain View City Council:

This is regarding Item 6.2 (mixed-use development at 590 Castro St.) on the agenda for this evening's City Council meeting, in which, unfortunately, I'm unable to participate live. My comment on this item is simple: *Please do not allow the removal of the heritage trees from this site.* Equally simple is my argument for this posture: *Heritage trees are called that for a reason: they're community treasures of unique value -- botanically, aesthetically and ecologically -- and simply cannot be reasonably replaced.* I'd like to add that the Sobrato Organization will still fare quite well, thank you very much, by developing the site *around* those heritage trees.

Please factor the above in as you deliberate on Item 6.2 this evening.

Thank you.

Respectfully,  
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Hello,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the removal- killing- of 9 Heritage Trees at 590 Castro.

The Sobranto company wants to destroy these trees. It will make their construction project less expensive and easier if they can simply clear anything standing.

**Preserving the trees is a question of Public Health. The trees filter particulate matter from our polluted air,** especially during the fire season which is now a lot more than a couple of months. Particulate matter kills humans through the inhalation of toxics that are too tiny to be seen but tiny enough to be captured in your lungs. This leads to serious disease and shortened life expectancy.

**The shade provided by the trees is more** than something nice for a relaxing sit where it is cooler. **Ozone is created by our greatly increased heat.** It likes to come close to the ground, especially where there is concrete, car exhaust, and toxic chemicals. Ozone can kill. The shade created by mature trees disrupts the ozone and protects human life.

Saving Heritage trees is not "just about something pretty," though we need whatever beauty we can find.

You, as the City leaders, are expected to protect the people who live in Mountain View. **You need to decide if your job is to protect us or to help Sobranto's bottom line.**

Please remember, Council members also need protection from particulate matter and ground level ozone.

Thank you for your kind attention.  
Leslie Friedman, Ph.D.