



City of Mountain View
Community Services Department
City Hall
500 Castro Street
Mountain View, CA 94040

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Re: Appeal of Tree Removal
Heritage Tree #1, 251 Monroe Drive

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to appeal the removal of the Italian Pine, listed as Tree #1 that was approved for removal by Matthew Feisthamel for "poor structure: co-dominant stems, included bark, lean over the house."

As you can see from the photos below, co-dominant stems are common, as are multiple stems. The photo on the left is in fact a different tree in the same neighborhood. The heritage pine in question is on the right and has yellow police tape wrapping the trunk.

The tree slated for removal is healthy and provides both habitat to numerous animal and bird species as well as cooling shade to the pavement below. It is a beautiful anchor to the Monroe Drive loop which is a busy pedestrian thoroughfare. The value to our local community is therefore inestimable. I urge you to reconsider this decision.

Thank you for your consideration,

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