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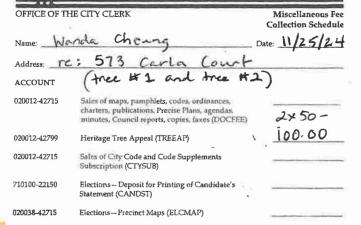
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HERITAGE TREE APPEAL 573 CARLA CT

please note Wanda C. informed me that she did not receive a response after she filed the permit application. Her neighbor informed her of the denial



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Re: Appeal for HTR-7956

Dear Russell,

I respectfully disagree with the assessment that the trees are in good condition and can be managed with pruning. The trees are structurally unsound and therefore meet local ordinance for removal.

## Tree #1

Pruning of this tree will not manage the occurrence of falling limbs as evidenced by the dropping of a significantly large limb within a year of pruning (incident 1). The limb that dropped on 11/3 (incident 2) was around 5 ft in length and therefore would not have been pruned. This limb fell before three very large limbs dropped on 11/4 (incident 3 and photo of its aftermath was submitted). Three incidences within three years of pruning when the limbs were not long with respect to the tree's great height (over 40 ft) indicates that the tree is structurally unsound and not able to support limb spread that is crucial to dampen wind effects given its great height. And even with severe pruning that jeopardizes the tree's vertical stability in winds, incidents 1 and 2 show that pruning does not prevent the occurrence of limbs falling. The falling limbs are especially dangerous as they are heavy, falling from great heights, and have many spiky fruit attached that cause greater injury.

Furthermore, due to the close proximity of tree #2 (20 inches apart at ground level), the tree's canopy is severely imbalanced and further causes the tree to be structurally unsound.

## Tree #2

This tree has a different structural issue in that its branches' lateral spread is essentially non-existent especially with respect to its great height (over 40 ft) and therefore does not dissipate wind load. In addition, due to its close proximity to tree #1, this tree's canopy is severely imbalanced and further causes the tree to be structurally unsound. My next door neighbor was also disappointed when she saw the tree removal request denied and informed me that the trees' swaying movement has increased over time. Every time there is a windy storm, she fears the tree as her bedroom is closest and directly in the potential path of destruction especially as most of the tree's canopy weight is on the side facing her house.

I was informed by the arborist that pruned the trees in 2022 that these trees cannot be topped as that would further compromise the structural integrity of the tree. In fact, she pointed out that the previous owner had topped tree #2 and now there are two leaders on this skinny tree making it top heavy.

While the trees may appear fine from the outside, that does not necessarily mean that they are fine on the inside, e.g. tree #1 with the falling limbs. As you know, it is not uncommon to cut down what appears to be a healthy tree and find the center decayed or insect damaged. Leah Russin had a Douglas fir that the City of Palo Alto denied her



## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT URBAN FORESTRY DIVISION

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November 26, 2024

Wanda Cheung 573 Carla Court Mountain View, CA 94040

HERITAGE TREE APPEAL: 573 Carla Court

Dear Wanda,

Please be advised that the Forestry Division has received your appeal for the above-mentioned address concerning two (2) Liquidambar Heritage Trees. You will be notified in the future of the time and date of the Urban Forestry Board hearing.

Sincerely,

Russell Hansen Urban Forest Manager Parks & Forestry Divisions

cc: f/c

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