

3440 TRUMAN AVE
PINE (TREE #2)

HERITAGE TREE APPEAL NOTICE

The decision to deny the removal of this Heritage Tree has been appealed. An appeal shall automatically stay issuance or denial of the Heritage Tree Notice to remove or deny removal of the tree(s) identified on the notice (Mountain View City Code Section 32.31). An appeal hearing will be set before the Urban Forestry Board at a later time. Notice of the date and time will be posted here when known.

This notice shall be posted until a final decision has been rendered. For information regarding the appeal, please contact the Forestry Division Office at 650-903-6273.


Posted By

June 3, 2025
Date

City of Mountain View
Urban Forestry Division
231 North Whisman Road
P.O. Box 7540
Mountain View, CA 94039-7540

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Date: June 1, 2025

City Clerk's Office

500 Castro Street, Mountain View, CA 94041

Subject: Appeal of Heritage Tree Removal Denial – Tree #2 (Pine Tree at 3440 Truman Ave)

Dear City Clerk,

I am writing to appeal the decision to deny the removal request for Tree #2 (a pine tree) located at my property at 3440 Truman Avenue, as outlined in the Notice dated May 22, 2025.

First, I want to emphasize that I genuinely value and appreciate trees, and fully support the City of Mountain View's commitment to urban forestry. I am happy to **install a suitable replacement tree elsewhere on the property**, and remain committed to maintaining green cover in a way that is compatible with safe and practical use of the home.

1. Driveway Rendered Unusable & Parking Challenge

The tree's proximity to the driveway — just 16 inches — has made the driveway functionally unusable. The pine constantly sheds sap, needles, and debris, which creates a slippery, hazardous surface. The sap, in particular, cannot be removed even with commercial car washes, causing ongoing damage to vehicles.

Compounding this, street parking is not permitted directly in front of the house, making the driveway the only viable place to park. However, due to the mess and obstruction from the tree, parking there often becomes infeasible. This has created a significant and ongoing hardship for our household.

Our new home includes an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU), which by city zoning and design guidelines, requires functional parking. We had seriously considered shifting the driveway to the right side of the house in order to preserve the tree. However, this option proved unworkable due to internal design and structural limitations. We explored this in good faith and found no feasible alternative.

2. Child Allergy

The sap from this tree has caused severe reaction to our child (2yr old). She already have eczema and it made it significantly worse. We have to make sure she doesn't go anywhere near to it. So, we have practically stopped using the driveway.

3. Root Damage and Drainage Risk

This tree has already damaged the current driveway, and any newly constructed driveway will almost certainly suffer the same fate — leading to significant repair and maintenance costs over time. More critically, under the new home design, the tree will end up being located much closer to the garage, where it poses a serious risk of blocking drainage paths, especially during storms or heavy debris fall. This has the potential to directly impact the home's foundation and garage usability.

In summary, while the tree may be healthy, it has a disproportionate and ongoing impact on essential property use — particularly access, parking, and infrastructure. I respectfully request that the city reconsider this removal request in light of these serious practical concerns and allow us to move forward with a balanced, long-term solution.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

PRITHVI RAJ

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Richard Nuti
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HERITAGE TREE APPEAL: HTR-10892/344 TRUMAN AVE (TREE #2)

Dear Richard,

Please be advised that the Forestry Division has received an appeal for the above-mentioned address concerning one (1) Pine Heritage tree. You will be notified in the future of the time and date of the Urban Forestry Board hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RH", followed by a horizontal line.

Russell Hansen
Urban Forest Manager
Parks & Forestry Divisions

cc: f/c



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Prithvi Raj
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Sincerely,

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