

Attachment 4



March 4, 2020

City Clerk's Office  
City Hall  
500 Castro St., 3rd Floor  
Mountain View, CA 94041

Re: Appeal for heritage tree removal at 1783 Woodhaven Place

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are the owners of the fourplex at 611 Leksich Avenue, an adjacent property to 1783 Woodhaven Place owned by Judy Wang. Ms. Wang's request to have an oak tree in her backyard removed was recently denied by the Forestry Department. We strongly support the homeowner's appeal to have this heritage tree removed as the tree poses a significant threat to both the structural integrity of part of our building along with the physical safety of our tenants and their personal property.

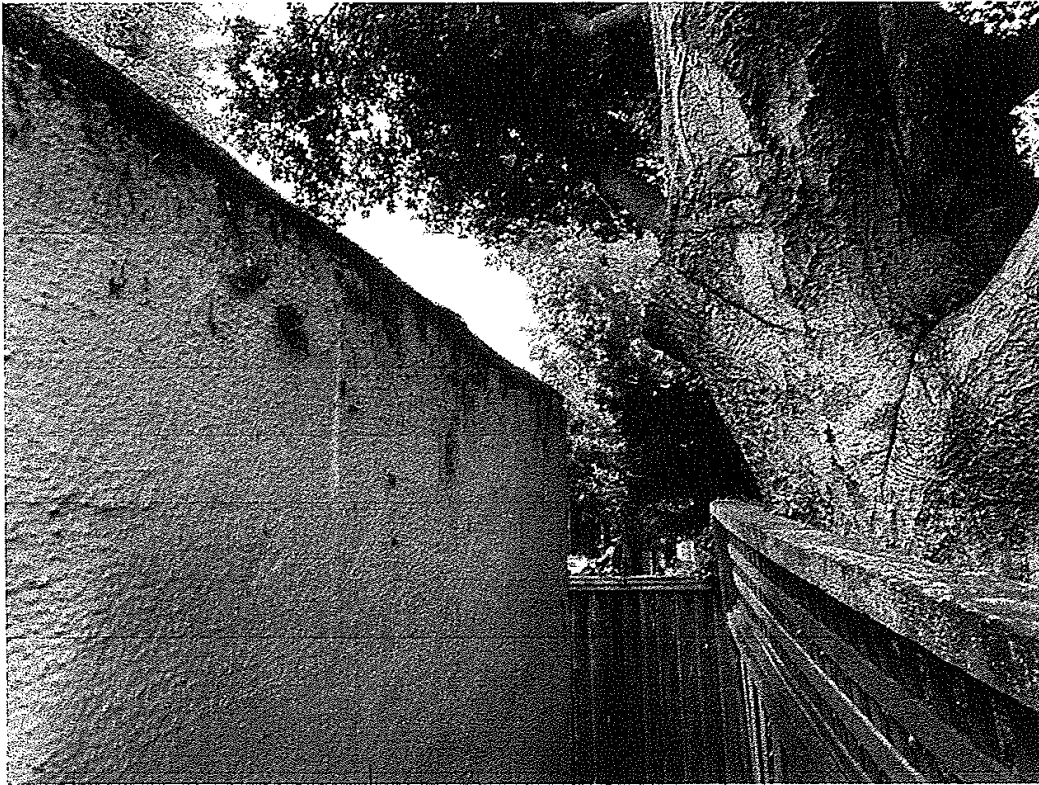
Specifically, when we first purchased our property in 2008, the trunk of the oak tree in question was several feet from our property line. By 2013, we noticed that the tree's trunk was rapidly expanding towards the property line and first spoke with Ms. Wang about the hazards that created for our property and tenants. Since then, the growth in the tree trunk has continued to accelerate and has pushed back the fence line between our properties such that both the tree trunk and fence are now only seventeen inches from our tenant garages. As your arborist can attest, the tree is healthy, relatively young, and has a lot more growth potential. As such, within a few years, the tree trunk will be in direct contact with our garages and compromise the garages' physical integrity.

While we could cut back the portion of the roots or tree trunk encroaching on our property, doing so would cause this otherwise healthy tree to die and become unstable. In that scenario, the tree could fall directly onto our garages, the vehicles parked in the driveway, and/or the main apartment building. This would cause significant property damage to us and our tenants and put the lives of our tenants at risk. As such, it is not a viable option for us to pursue. The only solution is the approve Ms. Wang's appeal for the orderly and safe removal of the oak tree before it causes further damage in an uncontrolled and unpredictable way.

If you have questions regarding anything in this letter, you can reach us at [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

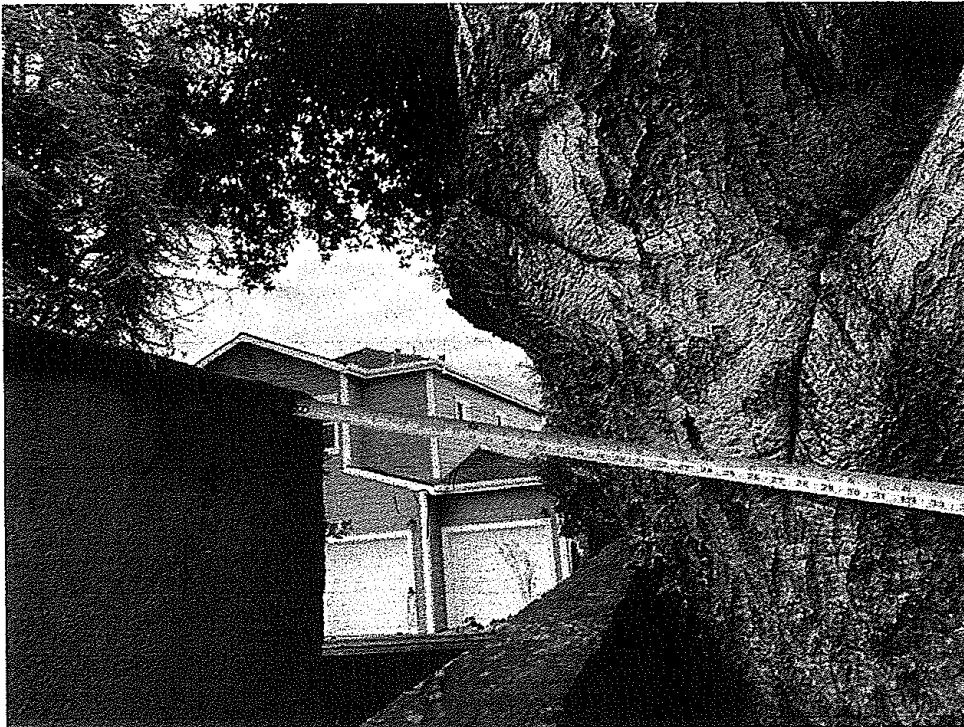
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1783 WoodAven  
oak tree

611 LeKsich's garage

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Fence



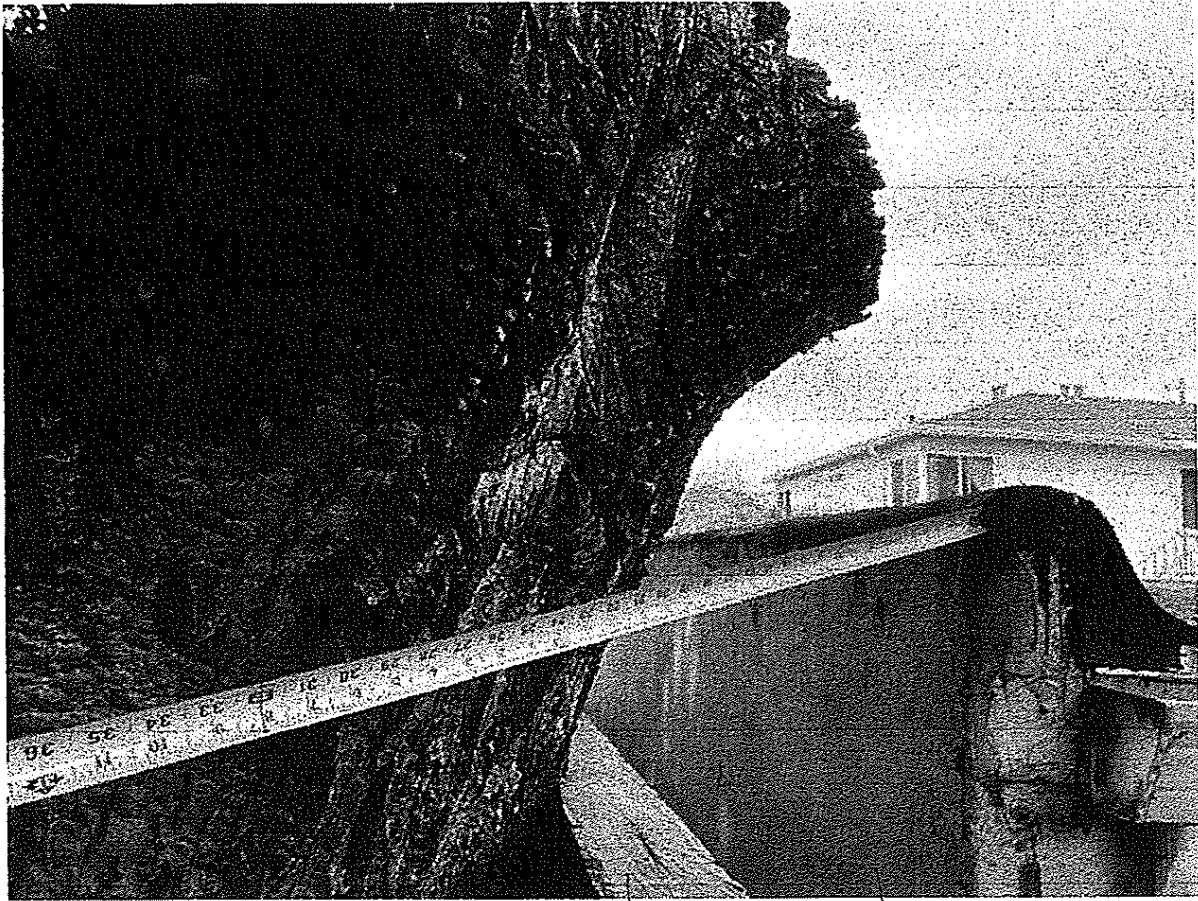
611 LeKsich's garage

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611 Leksich's garage roof