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INANCE 8 ADMIN SERVICES DEPT

To whom it may concern,

This is Danyang Wang and Li Guo. We are the home owner of 745 Lola Ln. We truly appreciate the work that the city does to ensure that trees are protected, and we understand that there are guidelines in place to preserve our urban canopy. However, we are hoping to provide a bit more context about the safety concerns we've been facing and ask for your reconsideration of our request.

For the past three years, this tree has been a growing hazard for our family and the community. Large limbs have fallen repeatedly, causing us increasing worry for the safety of our neighbors, pedestrians, and property. Last year, we took steps to address the issue by hiring a professional tree trimming service, hoping that this would help to alleviate the risks. Unfortunately, the problem persists. It has become clear that the issue is not simply a matter of occasional limbs dropping, but of a long-standing and worsening safety concern. The fact that tree limbs are falling under very normal weather conditions - no wind, no drought etc. makes it even harder to take any preventive measures.

One of the most concerning incidents occurred just recently. Ten minutes after we took out our trash totes, a large limb fell directly in the path where we had just passed. We were incredibly lucky to have avoided injury, but we know that next time, our luck may run out. The danger is no longer hypothetical – it's imminent. In fact, our next-door neighbor Elaine has similar concerns and has also witnessed limbs fall onto the sidewalk, forcing us to call the police for immediate removal. This is not a one-time event; it's a pattern that is only growing more unpredictable and dangerous.

We understand that trees are a valuable part of the community and the environment, but we also believe that safety and well-being must come first. We are asking for the city's help not because we want to remove this tree lightly, but because we are truly worned about the potential harm it could cause if left standing. This tree is no longer just a minor inconvenience – it is a tangible, growing risk to our neighborhood.

We hope you will consider this request with compassion and a sense of shared responsibility for the safety of all who live here. We do not want to see anyone hurt, nor do we want to face the aftermath of something that could have been prevented. Thank you so much for your time and attention. We hope that you will reconsider our application with this added context in mind!

Sincerely,

Li & Danyang

Nov 15, 2024

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Written on October 30, 2024

Tuesday morning of October 22, my neighbor, Daniel, texted that another branch fell n the night and that he wants to apply to the City to remove the tree on the property line next to driveways and did I agree. I replied yes, as last trimming of tree obviously has not solved its problem.

History and concerns about Cedrus (Cedar) tree:

Since tree was severely trimmed by former owner's construction workers to make way for heavy machinery to remove the swimming pool a few years ago, I have been very concerned about the health of the tree. The heavy machinery also drove over the root system right next to trunk for several months, and not with care. The limbs had been removed incorrectly and poorly and I believe traumatized the health and growth of the tree.

On January12, 2023, a large branch broke and hung over the sidewalk the first time and I called police station to report the hazard since it happened during after hours. Subsequently, several limbs fell on neighbor's driveway on cars and a very big one on my property. It was one that had grown in a very incorrect way over many years, so the tree must have been "traumatized" before over 50 years ago before I became the owner of 739 Lola Lane.

In 1973 when Wally and I bought this house, the tree was not on our property. During our first serious drought in 90's I did water it. That was during my 10 year period of working clerical for Tree Division, and I became sole clerical handling Heritage Tree data—it was all in the form of both paper and computer information.

Since the last trimming the sap drop has been overwhelming and everywhere. I always have to pass through sap drops to put garbage totes out each week, and be concerned that a branch will fall and do harm to me.

Permit now costs \$116 and can only be submitted online, NO in-person submission. Must be posted for 10 days by Arborist with decision. He has two weeks to come look at tree to make his decision after application is submitted. Cedar is measured at 54" height and is Heritage designation 12" and over in circumference.

Sequoia (Redwood):

I have always been afraid during storms that this tree would fall on my house, and harm or kill me during night storms. Thankfully, Daniel next door had many of the long heavy limbs severely removed in 2023, so at least the remaining tree is less likely to fall and hurt me, hopefully. But the tree still looms by the house. It's root system runs all through my property as there was a root barrier to keep them from the pool once in that yard.

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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

NOVEMBER 18, 2024 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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November 18, 2024

Danyang Wang 745 Lola Lane Mountain View, CA 94040

HERITAGE TREE APPEAL: 745 LOLA LANE

Dear Danyang,

Please be advised that the Forestry Division has received your appeal for the above-mentioned address concerning one (1) Deodar Cedar Heritage Tree. 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

