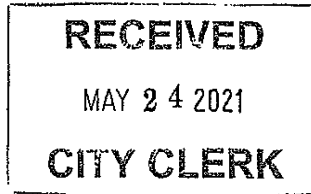

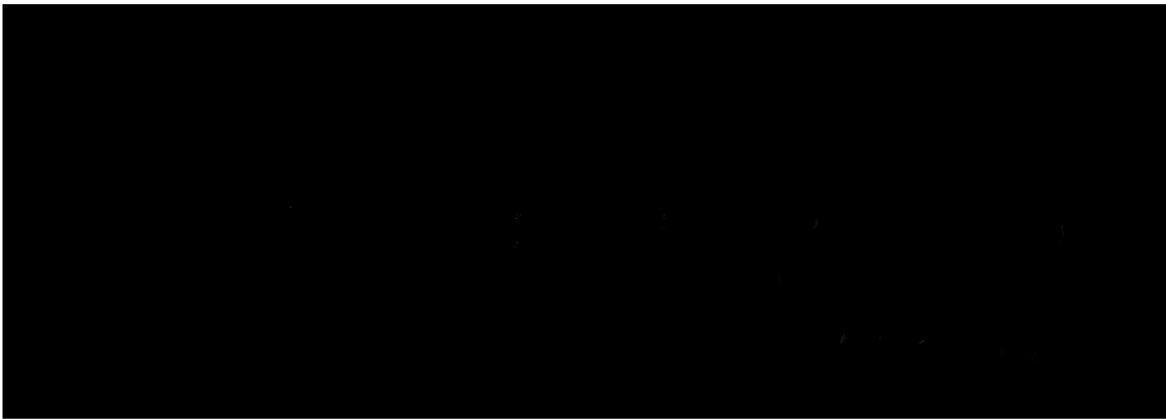


Attachment 5
Heritage Tree Appeal Letter for 1134 Nilda Avenue




May 24, 2021

This beautiful redwood is thriving and healthy. The neighborhood loves it. Each time neighbors walk underneath this beautiful tree, they are greeted by a beautiful smell and nice shade. Kids playing stop underneath its canopy to take a break, parents pushing strollers stop to take care of their baby under this usually only shade on the street. It is a sidewalk shaded haven for everyone exercising in need of a break. The trunk of the tree does not interfere with the wires. The new branch shoots might and they just need to be trimmed. Redwoods capture more carbon dioxide (CO₂) from our cars, trucks, and power plants than any other tree. Where will all the CO₂ go when we cut down the tree, back into the atmosphere? What other tree on Nilda has even close to as many carbon-absorbing properties? I looked at all the trees and didn't find one. Every year I see that the tree is trimmed and it poses no issues with the wires. This spring, instead of the tree being trimmed during the season that plants naturally grow new branches, a sign has been placed that it will be cut down. I am disgusted by merely the possibility of this. Nature was there first. If we start cutting down trees because they inconveniently require us to do an annual trim in the spring-like all healthy plants do, why don't we just cut down every tree and kill off our species because it is decisions like that will bring about the demise of everything.



Tree is at 1134 Nilda Ave
Mountain View