

**Feisthamel, Matthew**

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**From:** Daniel Wang <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 7, 2024 9:03 AM  
**To:** Feisthamel, Matthew  
**Cc:** Li Guo; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: [HTR-7668 Private Deodar Cedar Removal] consent letter from neighbor

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Dear Matthew,

Thank you for your response regarding our tree removal application. 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 worried 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 would be grateful for any guidance on how to move forward, and we hope that you will reconsider our application with this added context in mind!

Sincerely,

Li & Danyang



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