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September 22, 2025

City Clerk's Office 500 Castro Street Mountain View, CA 94041

Subject: Appeal of Heritage Tree Removal Permits - 151 Calderon Ave (Building Permit #25-9390)

Dear City Clerk's Office,

I am writing to formally appeal the approved Heritage Tree Removal Permit for eight heritage trees including 4 London Plane trees and 4 Camphor trees located at 151 Calderon Ave, which was approved in connection with Building Permit Application #25-9390. This appeal is submitted on behalf of concerned community members who believe the removal of these heritage trees would be a significant loss to our neighborhood and the broader community, including users of the Steven's Creek Trail and local residents of the Eaves Creekside apartment complex.

The London Plane Trees and Camphor Trees are healthy, mature specimens that contribute significantly to the surrounding canopy. Their removal would result in the immediate and permanent loss of a range of public benefits that would take decades to replicate. These benefits include, but are not limited to:

- **Environmental Protection:** The trees provide essential protection against air and noise pollution originating from the nearby highway 85. They act as a natural buffer, filtering particulate matter and ground-level ozone, which is vital for the health and well-being of residents and users of the public Steven's Creek Trail.
- **Temperature Regulation:** The trees provide a critical cooling effect, helping to regulate local temperatures and mitigate the urban heat island effect in a heavily developed area. This is a valuable asset, especially for community members who use this space for recreation and exercise.
- **Ecosystem and Public Space:** These heritage trees are an integral part of the Steven's Creek Trail ecosystem, providing a home for squirrels, birds, and insects. As a rare piece of community green space, it is frequently used by a wide variety of people, including children playing, families gathering, dog walkers, and elderly residents enjoying a stroll. The shade and greenery it provides for those commuting or recreating on the trail are invaluable.
- **Community Use and Awareness:** The green space surrounding these trees is a cherished gathering place, not just a vacant lot. Furthermore, the public notification signage was placed in a less-than-ideal location, and there was no broader community announcement, which severely limited the public's ability to be aware of and respond to this action in a timely manner.

While we understand and support the need for more housing, we believe this goal can be achieved without sacrificing irreplaceable community green spaces and mature heritage trees. Alternative locations exist for additional ADUs, such as unreserved parking lots or the

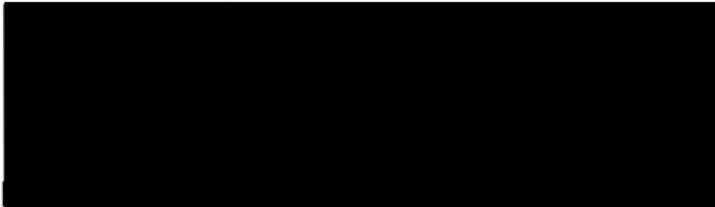
densification of other existing units, which would not require the destruction of this vital community asset.

The destruction of the healthy heritage trees, which provide such a broad range of environmental and community benefits, should be a last resort. We urge the City to reconsider this approval and find a solution that balances the need for new housing with the preservation of our existing community green space and valuable natural resources.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Cole Sohn

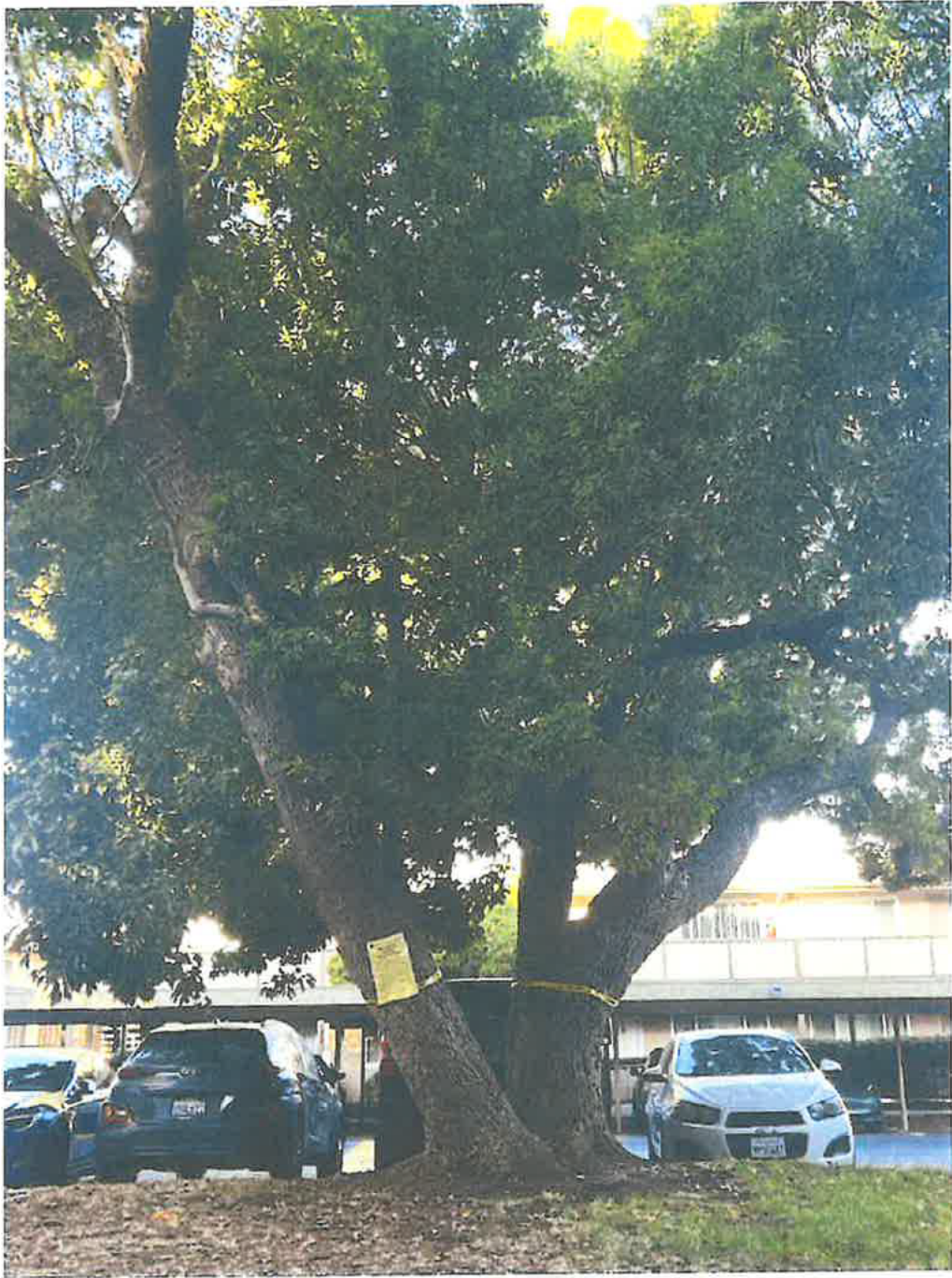


Photos showing area affected:









Photos showing wildlife in the affected area:





Photos showing permits not visible from the street:

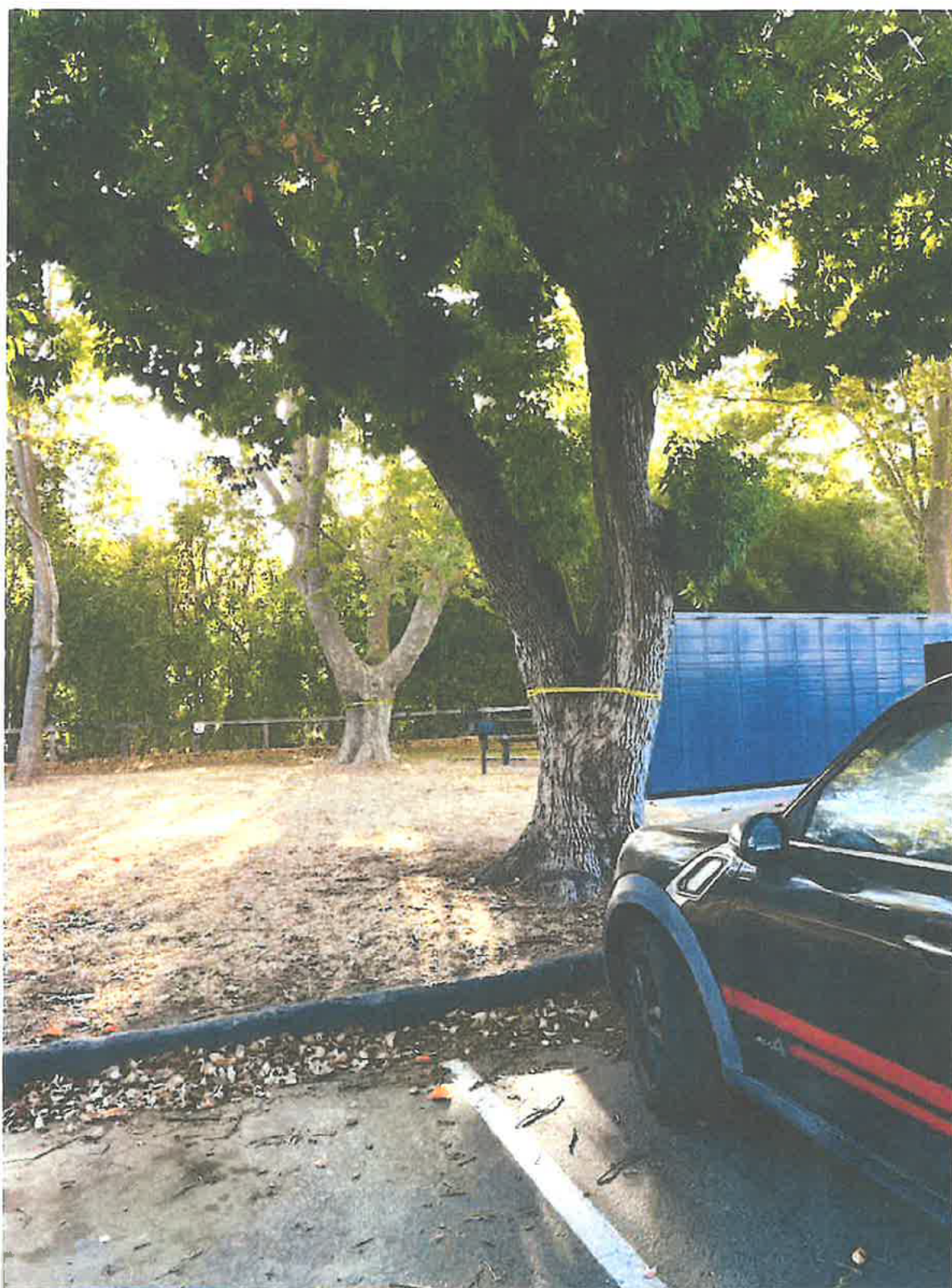
London Plane (removal notices are hidden **behind the mailboxes**):



Camphor (removal notices are **facing away from the street area**):









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Miscellaneous Fee
Collection Schedule

Name: Cole Sohn

Date: 9/22/2025

Address: [REDACTED]

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ACCOUNT

020012-42715 Sales of maps, pamphlets, codes, ordinances,
charters, publications, Precise Plans, agendas,
minutes, Council reports, copies, faxes (DOCFEE)

325.00

020012-42799 Heritage Tree Appeal (TREEAP)
151 Calderon Ave

020012-42715 Sales of City Code and Code Supplements
Subscription (CTYSUB)

710100-22150 Elections—Deposit for Printing of Candidate's
Statement (CANDST)

020038-42715 Elections—Precinct Maps (ELCMAP)

020012-43643 Sales of City Souvenirs (SOUVEN)

211215-42799 Zoning Appeal to Council—COD (ZONEPP)

020012-42799 Other Appeal to Council (_____)

020012-43623 Building Attendant and Rental Fee (CCATTN)

710100-22171 Security Deposit

020012-43643 Sale of Souvenirs (Clerk Store)

SUBTOTAL

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City Of Mountain View

Date: 09/22/25
Time: 10:35:04

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Receipt No: 577322

Account No: COLE P SOHN

Beginning Balance 0.00
HERITAGE TREE APPEAL -325.00
Ending Balance -325.00

CREDIT CARD Amount -325.00

Payment 325.00
Change 0.00

151 CALDERON AV

Thank You And Have A Nice Day

