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URBAN FORESTRY DIVISION
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HERITAGE TREE

REMOVAL

ACTION PENDING

Location: 1158 CUESTA DRIVE

Type of Tree: MODESTO ASH (TREE #2)

Upon the completion of a field inspection, Forestry Division staff has determined that the request to have the tree/trees removed be:

 APPROVED X **DENIED**

CONDITION OF TREE / CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE TREE: Tree has new growth throughout canopy and minimal decline. It appears tree can be preserved with minimal impacts based on submitted building plans. Concrete around base of tree can be removed to improve root conditions for tree. A 16 inch by 17 inch wound from limb failure on house side was explored but does not appear to contain advanced decay. Two conks found on one limb 8 feet from ground level, conks do not appear to have compromised stability of limb. Crack in bark on lower trunk opposite side of home is maximum 2 inches in depth and is only on the outer layer of wood. Does not meet ordinance criteria for removal.

Any person wishing to appeal this action must file an appeal (Fee \$50) with the City Clerk's Office, 500 Castro Street, Mountain View, CA. The office is open for drop-ins Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Appeals must be submitted by **5:00 p.m., May 14, 2025.**

For further information regarding this Heritage Tree Removal Notice, contact the Forestry Division Office at (650) 903-6273.

Date Posted: May 5, 2025

Russell Hansen, Urban Forest Manager



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May 5, 2025

Stefan Bittner
75 N. Shoreline Blvd
Mountain View, CA 94043

HERITAGE TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION: 1158 CUESTA DRIVE

Dear Stefan:

One of the two requests to remove three private Heritage trees was approved. Please continue reading for more information.

Your request to remove one (1) Liquidambar (FACID #7785) heritage street tree (as identified in your application - Tree #1) has been approved after a field inspection and review by the Forestry & Roadway Landscape Division.

Your removal request is defined by the City Ordinance, Article I, in accordance with the Mountain View City Code, Article II, Section 32.35, Paragraph (2), which states:

The necessity of the removal of the heritage tree in order to allow reasonable and conforming use of the property when compared to other properties.

However, your request to remove one Modesto Ash Heritage tree (as identified in your application- Tree #2) is denied after a field inspection and review by the Forestry staff. Following the Forestry staff's inspection, it was observed that the tree did not meet the criteria for removal.

This decision has been posted on the property. Please refer to the posted notice for an explanation of the appeal process. If no appeals are received, the one Liquidambar Tree (Tree #1) will be mailed on the first business day of the posting period. The permit is valid for two years from the effective date of the decision.

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