

500 W. MIDDLEFIELD RD  
REDWOOD



## 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 has been set before the Urban Forestry Board for

**Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 6:00 PM**, in the Maple Room of the Community Center 201 S. Rengstorff Ave, Mountain View, CA 94040. Meeting will also be in Zoom format and will be available on our website under Parks and Recreation Commission when the new agenda is ready as we get closer to the date. For information regarding the appeal, please contact the Forestry Division Office at 650-903-6273.

This notice shall be posted until a final decision has been rendered.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Posted By

03/09/26

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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**Mountain  
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March 9, 2026

Veena Thammavongsa  
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HERITAGE TREE APPEAL: **500 W. MIDDLEFIELD RD/HTR-15569**

Dear Veena:

Please be advised that the Urban Forestry Division has scheduled the appeal hearing for the denied removal of one (1) Redwood Heritage Tree.

The Urban Forestry Board will review this appeal at their meeting on **Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 6:00 PM**. The meeting will be held at the Community Center – Maple Room, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave, Mountain View, CA and will also be available via Zoom. If you would like to join the hearing via Zoom you will be able to find the link at <https://mountainview.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

You are invited to attend this meeting and present your concerns to the Board. An example of what to expect at the hearing is: staff will present a report. The appellant will have up to 10 minutes to speak. The Commission may ask questions of any presenters, including staff and the appellant. The Commission will open and close public comment. Staff will have an additional 2 minutes for final comments, and the appellant will also have 2 minutes for final remarks. Afterward, the Commission will begin deliberations, make a motion, and vote.

Sincerely,

Russell Hansen  
Urban Forest Manager



City of Mountain View

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Miscellaneous Fee Collection Schedule

Name: Gina Giannini Brynn Date: 3/5/26

Address: 500 W. Middlefield Rd. #149, Mountain View, CA

ACCOUNT for tree! 500 W. Middlefield Rd. 94043.  
Type of tree Redwood.

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

020012-42799 Heritage Tree Appeal (TREEAP) 325.00

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—CDD (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 325.00

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**FINANCE & ADMIN SERVICES DEPT**

March 5, 2026  
500 Castro Street  
Mountain View, CA 94041

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CITY CLERK

RE: Appeal for Denial of 500 West Middlefield Road/HTR-15569  
Type Tree: Redwood

Dear Mountain View Urban Forestry Division:

Thank you for your time during the field inspection. This letter is to formally appeal the denial for the removal of a redwood tree (Location: 500 West Middlefield Road) given the risk to our safety and the safety of others as a result of the proximity of the tree to the property, and the chronic damage to property located at 500 West Middlefield Road, #149 ("the property"). The following Mountain View City code, Article II, Section 32.35, Paragraph (1), was cited in the denial letter: "1. The condition of the tree with respect to age of the tree relative to the life span of that particular species, disease, infestation, general health, damage, public nuisance, danger of falling, proximity to existing or proposed structures, and interference with utility services."

Per the arborist from A Plus Tree, there is continued damage to the property due to the proximity of the tree and most importantly the main issue is that the alternative to removing the tree would be cutting the roots, which will destabilize the tree due to the difficult time of the tree recovering from root cutting. Given the assumed age of the tree, the trunk alone has a great potential to grow to 3 times in diameter. This will require excessive root pruning and will harm the health and stability of the tree. This is a hazard and risk to our safety and the safety of others. As a result, the suggested root pruning in the denial letter from the Mountain View Urban Forestry Division to complete repairs of the property will impact the anchorage and stability of the tree. It will add risk to the tree potentially falling which will severely damage the property, but most importantly will risk the safety of us and those living in close proximity to the tree. Per the arborist report from A Plus Tree that was provided, the recommendation is for the removal and replacement with (1) 15-gallon Red Maple 'Autumn Blaze' in the turf, west of Bldg. 16. We are committed to environmental sustainability by planting a more appropriate tree species in an approved location as recommended per a replanting/mitigation plan.

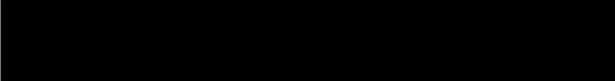
The cost spent a couple of years ago to replace the fence and patio due to the damage from the tree was over \$7,340. Having to replace or fix the property's fence and patio every couple of years is an unreasonable economic burden. In addition, the suggestion

in the denial letter to modify the fence to accommodate tree growth is not possible, since the set rules in the Willow Park Mountain View Homeowners Association CC&Rs doesn't allow for external alterations that will alter the external appearance of the complex.

In conclusion, we look forward to further discussing this with you. Please let us know when we can meet for a further discussion.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Gina (Giannini) Gwynn & Dave Gwynn  
500 West Middlefield Road, #149  
Mountain View, CA 94043

