

City Clerks Office: Attention Tim Downey, Urban Forrest Superintendent
Subject: Tree removal at 3740 Pescadero Dr.
Location: Tree located in the setback strip between the side walk and the street

To whom it may concern,

This tree has created a number of problems from bad to very bad.

- 1) This tree has now invaded and broken our sewer outflow. The outflow is located directly under the tree
The outflow will have to be replaced at a cost to us of 7-14 Thousand dollars, but the tree must go to do this.**
- 2) our water bills are very high and believe the tree roots have also cracked our water main after the meter to the house**
- 3) The sidewalk has been lifted by this tree and replaced 4 times now because of liability to the City.**
- 4) The curb and curb apron have now been lifted and water stands in front of the house and doesn't drain leaving mud and dibrey in front of the drive and mail box.**
- 5) This tree genus is illegal in 2 states and several countries and classified as a cat-1 pest.**
- 6) This tree is very caustic and will rust any car parked under it and no other vegetation will grow near it.**
- 7) The gas line is also in that immediate area and this concerns us too.**

**We feel that this tree threatens the value and viability of our Santa Barbara home and must be removed.
We are willing to plant any tree/s excepted by the city at our cost provided it/they do not interfere with the utilities.
Thank you for your time.**

**Carey Ludford- owner, trustee of 3740 Pescadero Dr.
Mailing address: 211 Hillview Dr. Goleta, CA 93117
Phone # 805-448-2287
E-mail: ludfordelec@aol.com**

April 2015

Date: 3/3/15

Requested by: Carey Ludford

Address: 3740 Pescadero Dr., Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Location of Tree: 3740 Pescadero Dr.

Tree Species: *Schinus terebinthifolius* **Common Name:** Brazilian Pepper

Requested Reason for Removal: Tree roots have lifted the sidewalk, shoots have grown all around water meter, tree is tilting to the side and is constantly getting hit by delivery trucks, and sewer needs to be snaked every 6 months.

Current designated Street Tree: *Quillaja saponaria*, Soapbark Tree

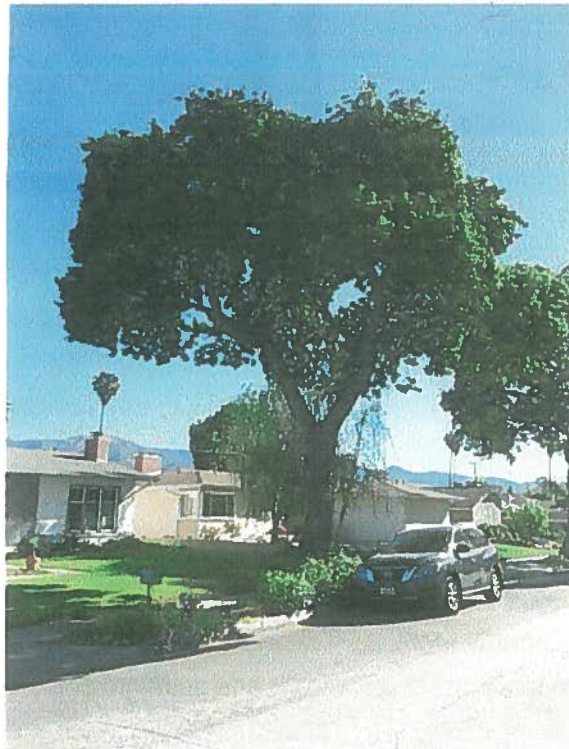
Advisory Committee Recommendation: *Approve Removal:* *Deny Removal:*

Staff Recommendation: *Approve Removal:* *Deny Removal:*

Date Posted: 4/14/15

Comments: The Committee (3/0) recommends that the Commission deny the removal without prejudice.

PHOTO INVENTORY





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April 23, 2015

Carey Ludford
3740 Pescadero Dr.
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Dear Carey Ludford:

Your request for removal of a *Schinus terebinthifolius*, Brazilian Pepper at 3740 Pescadero Dr. was presented at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on April 22, 2015. After an evaluation and discussion of the request, the Commissioners voted to deny the removal.

Should you desire to appeal the Parks and Recreation Commission action denying your tree removal request to the City Council, a written notice thereof must be filed within 10 days of the Commission action. The appeal notice can be either hand-delivered to the Clerk's Office at City Hall, or mailed to the City Clerk at P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990. An appeal processing fee may apply, and must be submitted with your written notice. Please contact the City Clerk's office at 564-5309, if you have any questions regarding the written notice or applicable fees.

Sincerely,

Tim Downey
Urban Forest Superintendent
805-564-5592