

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE](#)
Subject: Opposition to tree removals
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022 3:37:12 PM

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Dear Commissioners Abbot, Beall, Kent, Marten, Chang Frank, Price and Armendariz and Ms. Leduc,

I'm writing to strongly object to the removal of the following trees:

- 1350 Washington Ave
- 841 Sante Fe Ave
- 1435 Thousand Oaks

Each of these trees are invaluable resources to our community for climate, canopy, beautification etc. I've been to many planning and Climate Action meetings where large trees have been listed as high priorities. Removal of these trees undermine those priorities.

None of these trees had adequate public notice. The notice that are posted are nearly impossible to see from almost every viewpoint, it isn't clear that they were posted in a timely fashion and **the tree on 1435 Thousand Oaks had no notice at all**. For these reasons alone the discussion of these trees should at minimum be postponed until next month.

I will go through each of them but none of them appear to be sick or unstable or causing severe hazards to sidewalks. Furthermore, this city passed a tax to have the public pay for sidewalk repairs rather than homeowners. This allows the City to repair a sidewalk and save the street trees without undue burden to the adjacent homeowners. I voted for and pay for those taxes but I've seen tree removals continue at homeowners request without sufficient consideration of the public good these trees provide.

1350 Washington Avenue

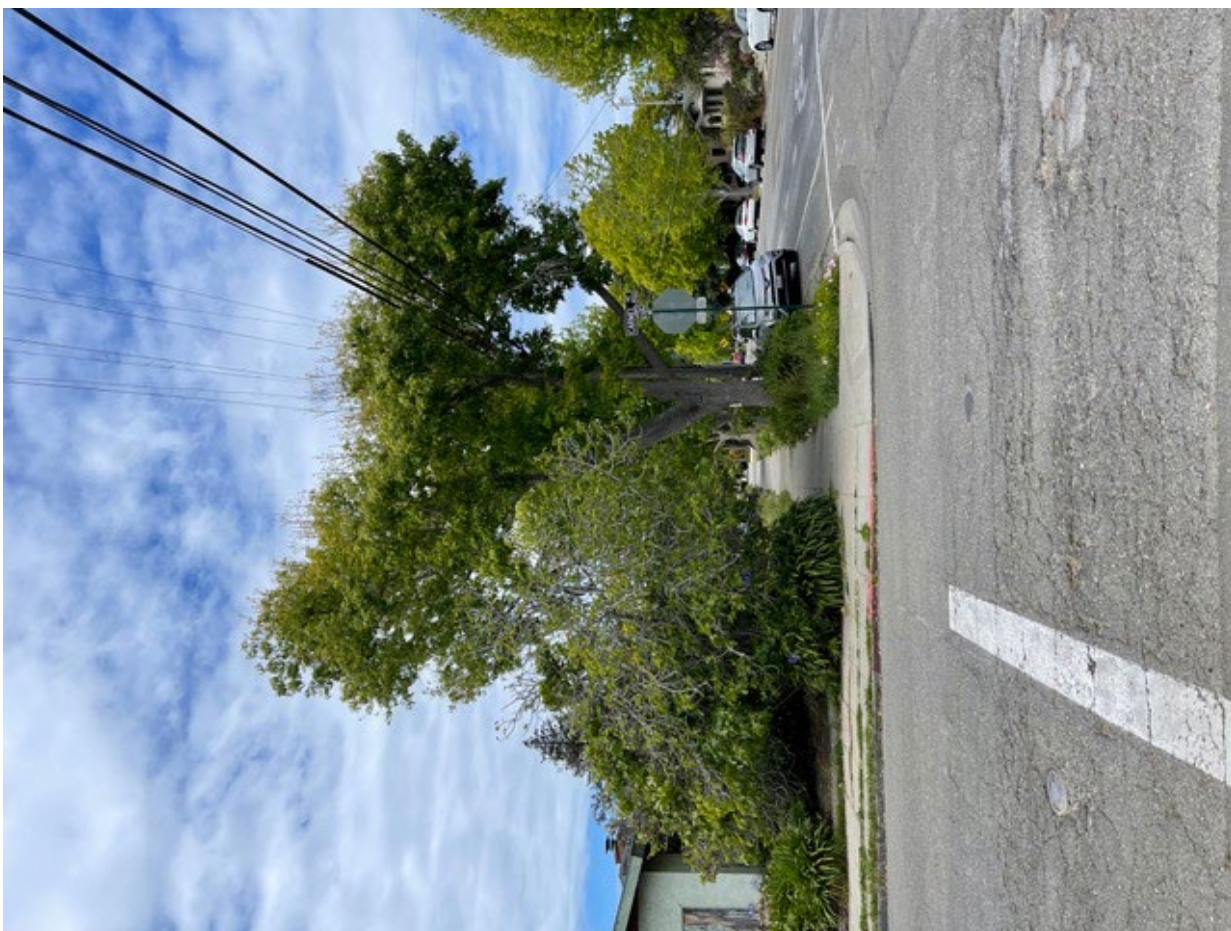
I live across the street from this tree and walk this neighborhood daily but did not see this notice until yesterday. Below is a picture of the tree where you can barely see the tape on it but cannot see the notice.

This is not reasonable notice. Can you find it? What if you weren't looking for it?



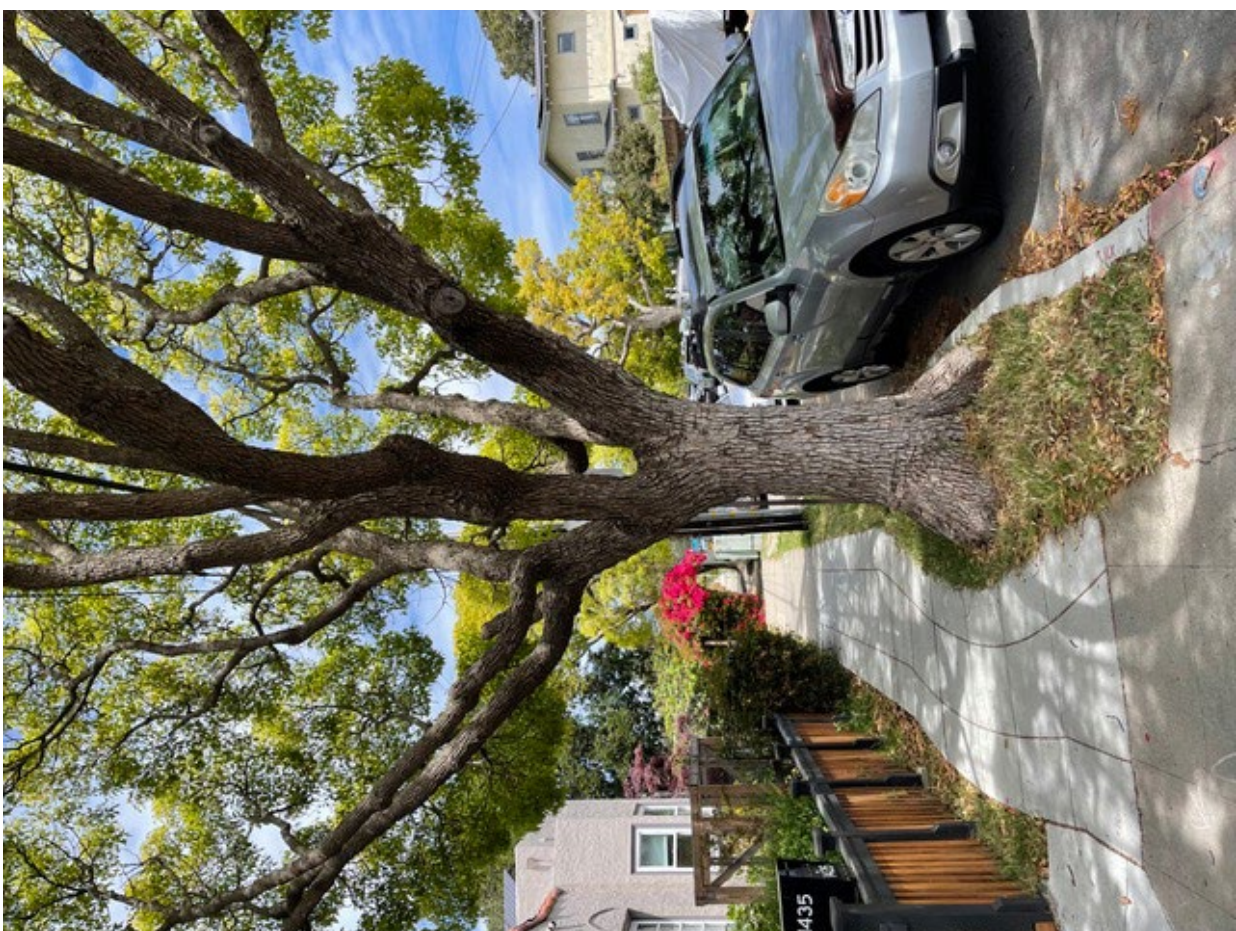


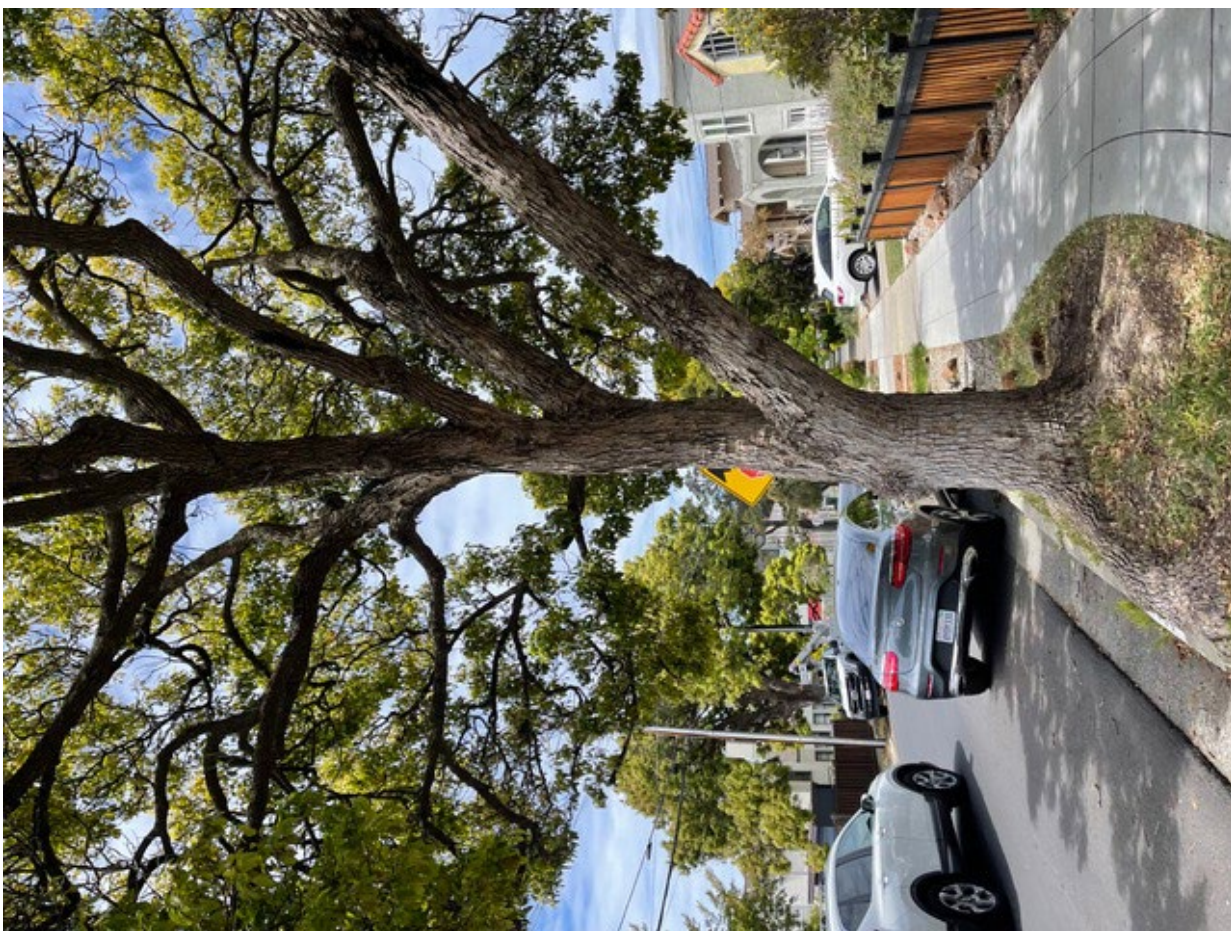
Here is an angle that shows there is minimal sidewalk lift.



1435 Thousand Oaks

Beautiful Canopy, No Public Notice, No Sidewalk lift.

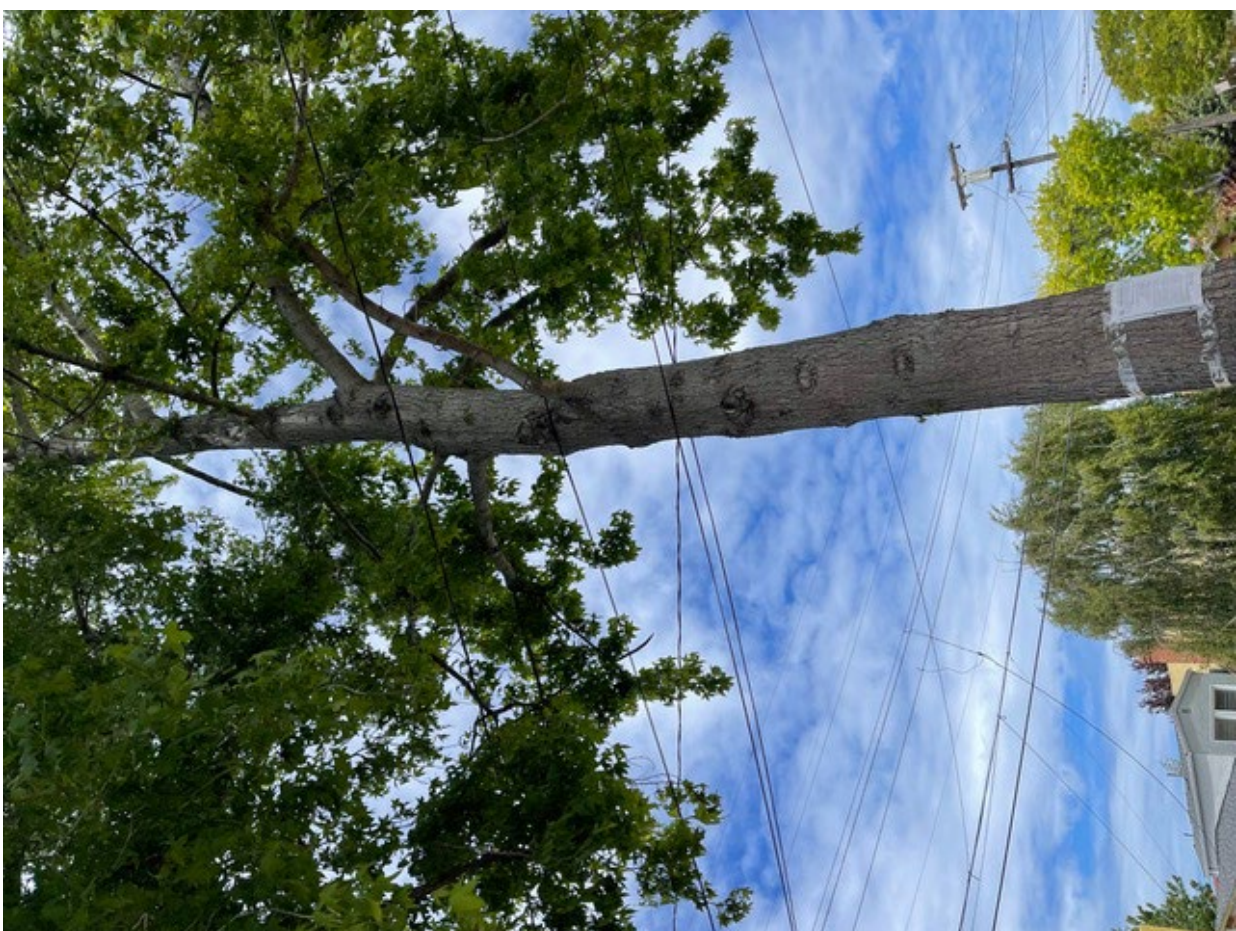




841 Santa Fe

Beautiful Canopy, Minimal sidewalk lift, public notice facing sidewalk.





From: [REDACTED]
To: [PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE](#)
Subject: Please DO NOT remove these 3 trees (1350 Washington, 841 Santa Fe, 1435 Thousand Oaks)
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022 4:12:50 PM

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Dear Commissioners Beall, Abbot, Kent, Marten, Chang Frank, Price and Armendariz and Ms. Leduc:

It was brought to my attention that you are considering removal of three trees:

1350 Washington Ave
841 Sante Fe Ave
1435 Thousand Oaks

I'm writing to ask that you vote against removing these trees. They are not causing sidewalk lift, they are not sick, and they do not present a threat to the community. Moreover, I am troubled by the lack of public notice for what is potentially an irrevocable change to our neighborhood. In spite of the fact that I walk my children to Cornell past 1350 Washington Ave almost every day, I was unaware of the plans to remove this tree. Likewise, there is no notice for 1435 Thousand Oaks.

It's demoralizing to me that I again find myself pleading the case of large trees in my neighborhood. In the case of these particular trees, there seems to be no compelling reason to remove them. If I had to guess, I would imagine that it comes down to an issue of convenience for the homeowner. I've watched 4 beautiful trees -- all within 2 blocks of my house -- come down in the last year or so. At a time when Albany is starting to experience higher and higher temperatures and when shade trees are more important than ever, I'm calling on you all to prioritize the well-being of the entire community over the desires of a few homeowners.

Thank you,
Francis Kelly
704 Carmel Avenue