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Subject: Upcoming Design review & Tree Board Meeting

Dear Mr. Arreola,

I am writing because it seems that at Project 8100 Valentine Avenue. The residents that live adjacent to the LDS lot have not head anything about what trees are heritage or not. I live in the West corner. I have one 30 yr old redwood ON my property and then the other two trees are on the LDS lot. It is preposterous that we have heard nothing from the City Arborist and most certainly from the developer Grupe who used their own arborist to then use waivers to circumvent the City of Sebastopol's tree rules.

Of note, the City Arborist reviewed the applicant submitted Tree Inventory and has now determined that one of the protected trees must be removed. Why is there not a tree protection plan in place. Grupe/Toste said they would do it. I do not think they are honest and submitted this documentation.

Heritage trees. It seems to me there are plenty of heritage trees and the whole point of the City adopting a Heritage tree policy was to protect these trees that have been growing for over 30 years on this property. I feel that the tree board is being negligent. I also feel that there is much deceit going on between, the City Atty, the planning commission and a few of the city council. Especially Phill Carter, who only cares about the money and said we should be happy with a 24" x 24' box plant to replace a 30' tree, ridiculous.

This condition of approval is necessary for the City to grant the developer's requested Concession to not apply the normal Tree Removal Permit requirements instead of waivers to circumvent the laws. Condition 4 of the "Plan" needs to be denied, it will allow the developer to just randomly remove trees as they see fit regardless of Tree Plan which they are required dto submit to you people.

Please do your jobs and fight for these trees and follow Sebastopol City's regulations regarding Heritage trees and the removal of them.

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