November 2, 2026

To: Sebastopol Design Review/Tree Board
Via: vhenkel@cityofsebastopol.org

Subject: Public Comment – November 3, 2026 Design Review/Tree Board – 8100 Valentine Avenue

Dear Chair and Board Members,

I ask the Board to resolve a discrepancy in the tree count before acting on the 8100 Valentine Avenue design review.

The staff report states that 9 of 18 protected trees are proposed for removal. The City Arborist's July 21, 2026 review and the City's October 19, 2026 FAQ find that the site has 23 protected native trees under the 10-inch threshold, with 11 proposed for removal. The Arborist also called for one definitive tree schedule and for mitigation to be recalculated from it.

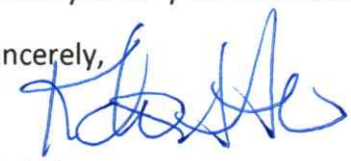
I respectfully request that any approval:

1. Be based on the City Arborist's corrected count, with one definitive tree schedule as the Arborist recommended;
2. Require that the tree protection plan, replacement plan, and redwood monitoring program be approved by the City Arborist before any grading or tree removal; and
3. State clearly which trees are to be retained, so they are protected through construction.

I also ask staff to confirm in writing whether the Board's decision may be appealed to the City Council, and if so, the deadline and fee.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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