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Subject: The tree at 830 Menlo Oaks Driveunder consideration
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My name is Dorothy Fadiman.
My husband and I have been homeowners in Menlo Oaks for almost fifty years.
I am writing to support the statements of other residents who have requested saving a Heritage tree
located at:
830 Menlo Oaks Dr.
Permit PLN2023-0036

Due to drought, then heavy rains, and development Menlo Oaks has lost and is losing many of its trees.
This is a legally protected tree due to its size and it being a Heritage tree.
by definition Heritage Tree and a Protected Tree.
(due to trunk diameter) and Protected tree (due to species).
HERITAGE TREE means a tree (or grouping of trees) specifically designated by action of the Board of Supervisors that possesses exceptional and unique size, age, horticultural significance, aesthetic, biological, cultural, or historic value, and is irreplaceable and expected to have a continuing contribution to the community.

These trees are, by definition, held to the highest standard, and the person who signed the removal permit should have deferred.
There is no evidence of any health problems. It is an old and very stable tree. Losing it will create a major gap in the canopy.
And it does not block the newly constructed garage
It fits the requirements for protection as stated in the current and proposed Tree Ordinance.

https://sanmateocountytrees.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Ordinance-4895.pdf

Thank you for your consideration.
Best,
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