

January 2022

Date: 12/28/2021

Requested by: Peter and Deborah Bertling divadebbertling@gmail.com

Address: 2409 State St., Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Location of Tree: 2409 State St., Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Tree Species: *Quercus agrifolia* **Common Name:** Coast Live Oak

Requested Reason for Removal: Tree has several problems. Disease that causes worms, tree is not very healthy and tree has lost several branches and caused damage to sidewalk.

Current designated Street Tree: *Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak. (1977 Master Plan)

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approve Removal: ☐ Deny Removal: ☒

Staff Recommendation: Approve Removal: ☐ Deny Removal: ☐ N/A ☒

Date Posted: 1/13/2022

Comments: The Committee recommends (5/0) that the Commission deny the removal.

PHOTO INVENTORY



Tree Removal Application

APPLICANT/OWNER DETAILS

Bertling
YOUR LAST NAME

Peter & Deborah
YOUR FIRST NAME

PAID

OWNER'S FULL NAME (IF YOU ARE NOT THE OWNER)

2409 State Street
YOUR MAILING ADDRESS

Santa Barbara CA 93105
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

805-898-0941 divadebbertling@gmail.com
DAYTIME PHONE EMAIL ADDRESS

TREE INFORMATION

TYPE OF TREE: SETBACK TREE(S) ☐ STREET TREE(S) ☒

1 2409 State Street
NUMBER OF TREES LOCATION OF TREE(S) - please be sure to indicate the **property address** where the trees are located

oak Quercus Agrifolia, Coast Live Oak
SPECIES OF TREE(S), IF KNOWN

REASONS FOR REMOVAL (TELL US WHY YOU WANT TO REMOVE THE TREE(S)). PLEASE INCLUDE:

- Whether or not the removal application is associated with new development or redevelopment of property
 - Status of development application, including whether the project is scheduled for review by the Single Family Design Board, Architectural Board of Review, or Historic Landmarks Commission
 - Whether or not the tree is a designated Specimen or Historic Tree or located on a property with a designated Historic Landmark
- If you feel you need more space to outline the goals of your request, please feel free to attach a supplemental letter when you submit this form.

This city tree has caused several problems and, due to consecutive cases of some disease that causes worms to eat the tree, it is not very healthy. within the past 4-5 years; large branch has fallen into our yard; large branch has crushed the sunroof of Peter's car; upended our paper sidewalk, which caused \$1500 worth of damage; has had no less than 5 cases of a disgusting worm infestation that is a major nuisance to clean.
See attached

WILL YOU REPLACE THE TREE(S)? YES ☐ NO ☒

IF YES, WHAT WILL YOU REPLACE THE TREE(S) WITH?

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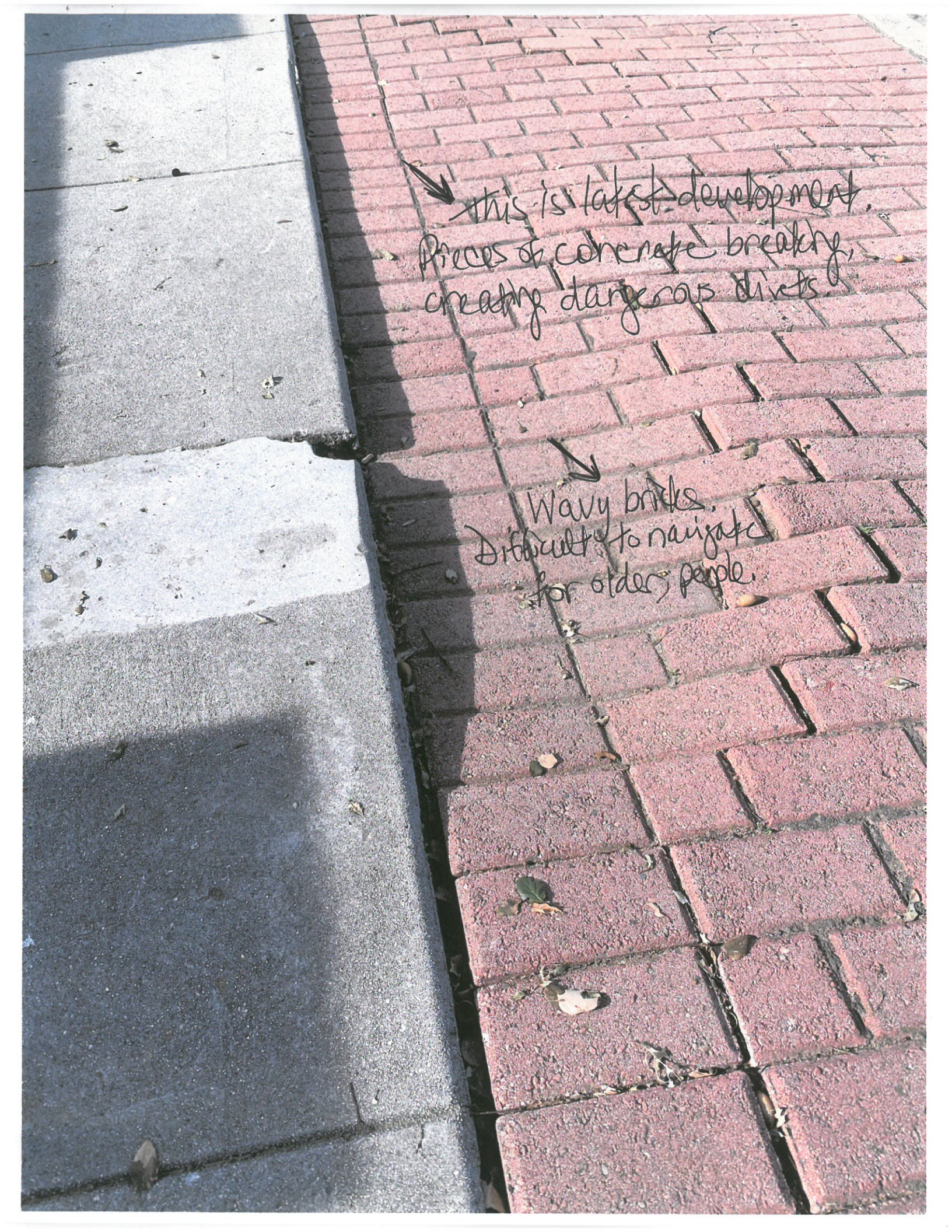
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The latest negative development involves destruction of - and unsafe directions in city sidewalk. There are chunks missing from the sidewalk which make it unsafe. If parking by the tree, it is impossible to get out of the car on the passenger side due to the upended bricks and cement pieces from the tree's roots.

The City does not adequately care for these trees. Almost every oak on our block has passed the disease back and forth. No preventative measures are taken and we are tired of dealing with the fallout of this tree.

Respectfully,

Deborah Bertling



→ this is latest development.
Pieces of concrete breaking,
creating dangerous divots.

→ Wavy bricks.
Difficulty to navigate
for older people.

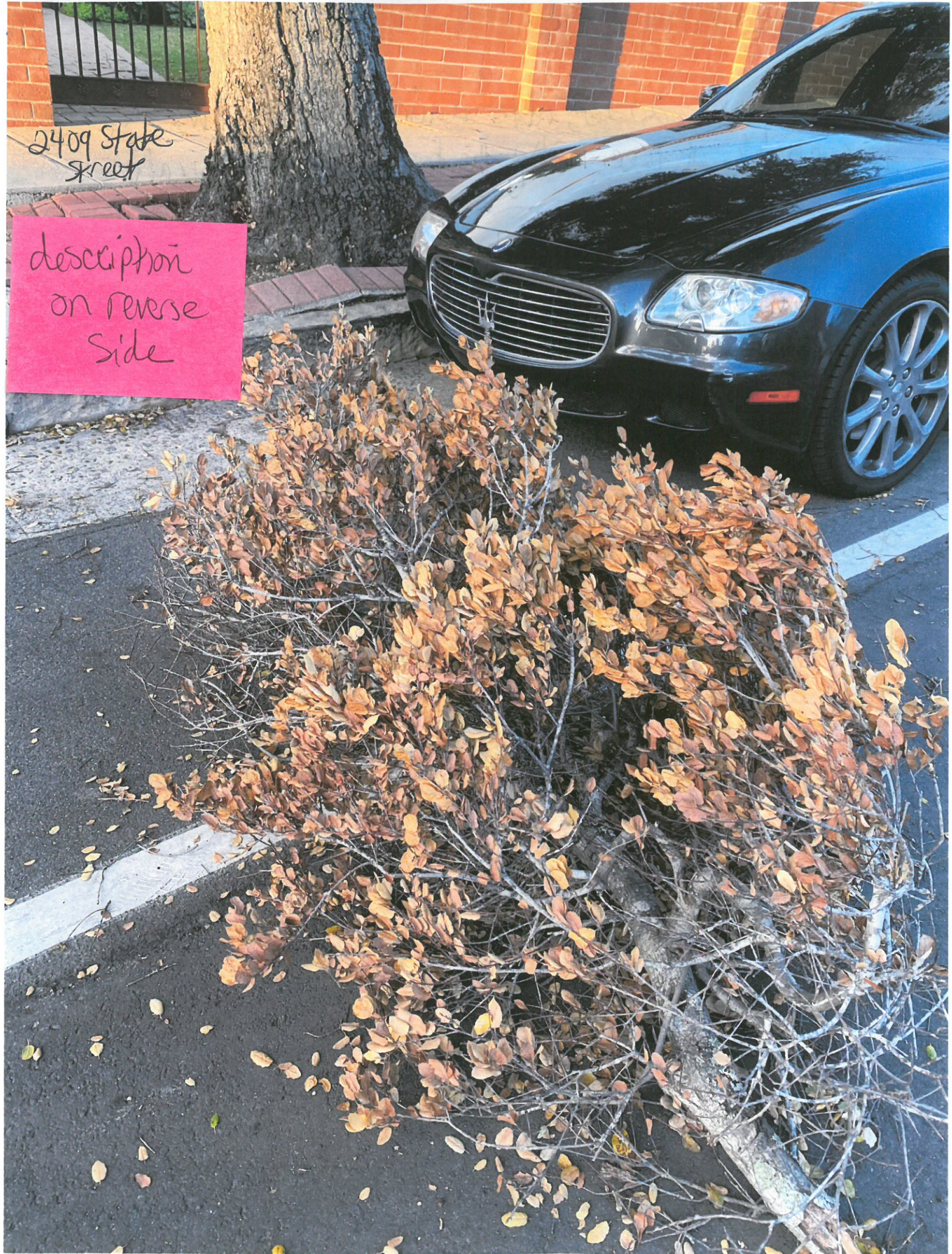
This patch job
was done
before

We purchased
the horse
but has gotten
nose due to shifting
bricks.



2409 State
Street

description
on reverse
side



New Year's 2020, after a windy day, we woke up to a chunk of tree hitting the top of Peter's Maserati.

A year or two prior we had a giant chunk of tree in our yard - right by the front gate (which we couldn't use until the crew came to take out the large branch). Fortunately it did not crush our elder dog, Argos, at the time (he didn't move very fast because of his hips). Again, it was after a wind storm. I wish I had taken a photo of that. We were told that someone would inspect the tree to determine safety - also to cut away the rest of the broken branch, which never happened.


We are always nervous during "wind events" now. We don't know how much more of this tree is going to blow apart.




description
on reverse

(Jan 1, 2020)

You can see where the tree branch hit and skidded across the road before landing in the street. Insurance covered the incident, minus our \$1,000 deductible. The damage to Peter's car was well over \$4,000.



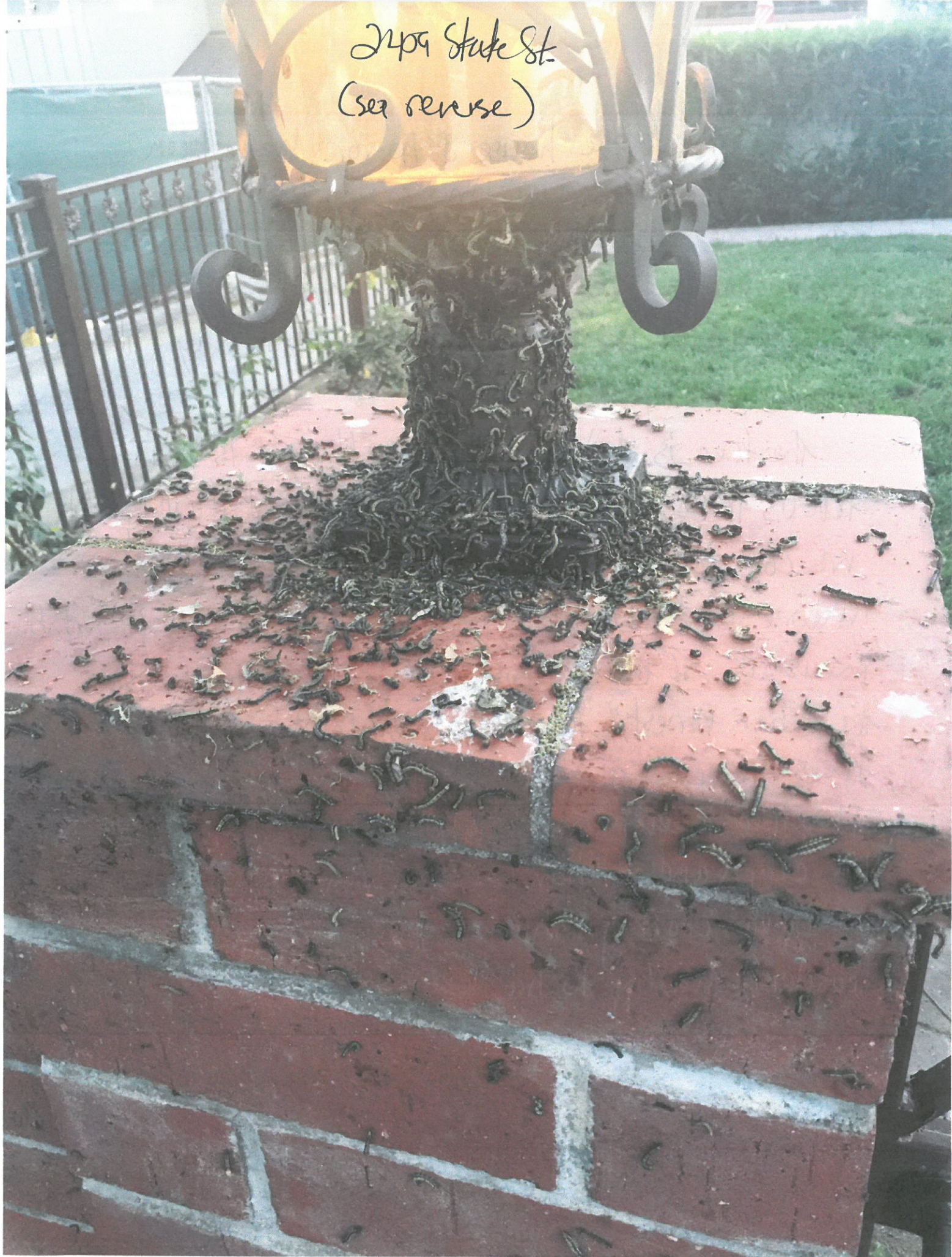
There are a couple views
of this and I think you've seen those
photos before while we were trying
to get permission to deal with the
tree root. This has been repaired
(at a cost of about \$1350-\$1400),
but there's no guarantee it won't
happen again.



Our gate would get
stuck on the bricks.
We have a dog and
must keep the gate
shut.

Guests have
had a hard
time navigating
this.

2409 State St.
(see reverse)



Welcome to the house of horror. We've been through this too many times now. It's ridiculous. The worms drop on us, on our dog (and he has taken them into the house on occasion). The worms also travel - down the fence toward our driveway - down our driveway wall, etc.

The tree is dying a slow death. It is trying to tell us that it is not healthy. There isn't a dang thing we can do about it because the City doesn't allow anyone to do anything to these trees, including preventative measures. If the City isn't willing to properly manage the "urban forest," then they shouldn't have so many trees. Tree care is expensive, but ignoring care altogether is even more expensive. Sidewalks all over this city (and I know because I'm a walker) are coming up, cracking, shifting, etc. because of trees. Accidents waiting to happen.