

Date: 12/28/2021

Requested by: John Chaffee johnrrchaffee@gmail.com

Address: 5324 Bridget Ave. SE, Auburn, WA 98092

Location of Tree: 624 E. De La Guerra Plaza/ 726 State St., Santa Barbara CA 93101

Tree Species: *Washingtonia robusta,* **Common Name:** Mexican Fan Palm

Requested Reason for Removal: Palm tree is growing around or possibly into the building threatening the structure of the building.

Current designated Street Tree: Mixed species designations.

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

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

Date Posted: 3/9/2022

Comments: The Committee recommends (5/0) that the Commission deny without prejudice to allow the applicant a chance to return in the future with additional information illustrating damage to the structure.

PHOTO INVENTORY



Tree Removal Application

APPLICANT/OWNER DETAILS

CHAFFEE		JOHN	
YOUR LAST NAME		YOUR FIRST NAME	
CHAFFEE FAMILY TRUST, John R. Chaffee, Successor Trustee			
OWNER'S FULL NAME (IF YOU ARE NOT THE OWNER)			
5324 Bridget Avenue SE			
YOUR MAILING ADDRESS			
Auburn	WA	98092	
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	
253 632-4678	JOHNRRCHAFFEE@GMAIL.COM		
DAYTIME PHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS		

TREE INFORMATION

TYPE OF TREE: **SETBACK TREE(S)** **STREET TREE(S)**

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

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.

There is a palm tree in Storke Placita at the corner of our building and is growing around or possibly into the building corner threatening the structure of the building. This needs to be cut off at the base. It would probably be wisest not to try to remove the root ball as this could damage our building. The remaining stump should be treated to ensure that the tree dies. The root ball can rot away over time.

John R. Chaffee, Trustee
Chaffee Family Trust, owner of the 624 De La Guerra/ 726 State Street building.
253 632-4678.

Please contact me to let me know where to send a \$75 check if required.
Where would we upload the photograph of the tree? Please provide step by step instructions.

WILL YOU REPLACE THE TREE(S)? YES NO

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



February 1, 2022

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, P&R
(805) 564-5592 | nslack@SantaBarbaraCA.gov

Attention: Nathan Slack/Street Tree Advisory Committee
Urban Forest Superintendent

Dear Mr. Slack and Committee Members,

I am a long-time building contractor and construction specialist in Santa Barbara. I have been in this county my entire life, and I started working in the construction industry in 1993 here in Santa Barbara. I have a degree in Civil Engineering from California Polytechnic University and I am a licensed General Contractor (B) in California. I am also the past Chair and current board member of the chamber of commerce.

I am writing on behalf of the Chaffee family, owners of 726 State St. They consulted me to evaluate the effect of the Washingtonia Robusta at the back of their building which is located at 726 State Street. This tree is on City Property and is growing against the bottom base of their building and is at least 15" up the wall on the back base of the building.

The tree is causing moisture intrusion and will, if it hasn't already, cause degradation of the masonry mortar and concrete foundation. This poses a risk to the structural integrity of the building.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Bill Shields

Bill Shields
President, Shields Construction Services

bill@shields-co.com

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Santa Barbara, CA 93110
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5324 Bridget Ave SE
Auburn, WA 98092
November 18, 2021


Street Tree Advisory Committee
Attn Nathan Slack, Urban Forest Superintendent
402 E. Ortega Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: Reconsideration of decision of November 18, 2021 meeting regarding the Mexican Fan Palm at 726 State Street/725 De La Guerra Plaza

Dear Tree Advisory Officers,

As owners of the 726 State Street/725 De La Guerra Plaza property, we have concern about the palm tree that is growing around the corner of our building. We have had damage to the brick at the base of our building due to moisture to the West of the location of the palm tree which has required mitigation to protect the brick from further erosion/damage. The palm tree in question has grown over the corner of the building and precludes both 1) our ability to assess for moisture damage to the brick; and 2) to mitigate damage done to the brick/structure of our building by moisture over time. For these reasons we feel strongly that the tree should be removed to allow us to appropriately assess and care for our building.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John R. Chaffee, ITT". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the initials "ITT" clearly visible at the end.

John R. Chaffee, Trustee
Chaffee Family Trust



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