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Objection to Removal of Tree at 4124 U Street, Sacramento, CA Work Order # 2979085

This is to register a formal Written Notice of Objection to the removal of the city parkway tree at 4124 U Street, Sacramento, Work Order 2979085. This written notice is in accordance with Sacramento City Code 12.56.030. This written objection is made with the Director, and the Elmhurst Neighborhood Association (ENA; Objector) is requesting a meeting with the Director with the meeting to occur within thirty (30) days after filing this written objection. This objection is in coordination with, and in addition to, the objection filed by Dale Good, an Elmhurst resident and homeowner who has previously filed an objection. We request that the city coordinate meeting with the ENA and Dale Good. It is requested that the director explain why the below accommodation cannot be made for this tree.

We are in agreement with the following statements made by Dale Good in his objection.

“The subject tree is a very beautiful fully developed healthy tree. The tree as it matured caused the common, and relatively small amount of cracking and movement of concrete sidewalk and driveway in the adjacent area. Objector has seen other parkway trees that have been accommodated by moving the sidewalk around the tree and placing steel plates above large root mass areas under the pate. The plate provides space for future growth of the root mass with no disruption of the sidewalk for many years. Objector believe similar workarounds or plating in the driveway area could accommodate that root issue of the subject tree.

Parkway space in the older city neighborhoods such as Elmhurst are very narrow and the City and homeowner need to manage concrete repair/replacement as necessary to accommodate and sustain the mature tree canopy. Sacramento wants to retain its reputation as the “City of Trees” and not become the “City of Concrete” where its beautiful tree ambiance is sacrificed for sidewalk and driveway accommodations.”

In addition to steel plates, the city has also used rubber panels, decomposed granite and other materials to solve the problems caused by tree roots. Further, we do not understand why the city has not come up with more creative solutions for saving this mature, healthy tree. We are concerned that this will become a trend in our neighborhood, to the detriment of our tree canopy and quality of life. The city has found creative solutions to save many mature street trees in Elmhurst, including on U Street. We cannot understand why it is failing to do so here. The quality of our neighborhood is at stake.

Elmhurst Neighborhood Association
Board of Directors