

Letter of Opposition for Tree Removal Request

Dear Department of Conservation and Development, Contra Costa County

Reference: Parcel numbers 198-100-015. County File: CDP24-00080, 532 Hemme Avenue Alamo Ca 94507

I am writing in response to a recent request by Brad and Lesley Wolff to remove the 3 Valley Oak trees located at 532 Hemme Avenue Alamo Ca 94507. While I understand their concerns and the reasons behind their desire for the removal, I must respectfully oppose this request for the following reasons.

Firstly, these trees contribute significantly to the overall aesthetic and environmental health of our neighborhood. They provide essential shade during the warmer months, reduce the urban heat island effect, and enhance the visual appeal of our surroundings. Their presence adds to the natural beauty that we all cherish and appreciate.

Secondly, the trees serve as a habitat for local wildlife. They are home to various birds, insects, and other small animals that depend on them for survival. Removing these trees would disrupt the local ecosystem and could have unforeseen negative impacts on the biodiversity of our area.

Thirdly, the trees play a crucial role in maintaining moisture in the root system and ground that aides in mitigating run-off from the slope that runs into my property at 70 Holiday Drive Alamo CA. There is a moderate size creek that provides run off from the large slope and hillside from the Las Trampas Regional Park and Wilderness area. This creeks runs through my property as the main thoroughfare for water runoff during the winter months. Removing these large trees and their root system with contribute to further risk of flooding in this area.

Lastly, I believe it is important to adhere to the regulations and guidelines set forth by our local authorities regarding tree preservation. These rules are in place to ensure that we maintain a balanced and sustainable environment for current and future generations.

I understand that trees can sometimes pose challenges, and I am willing to explore alternative solutions to address the stated concerns. Perhaps we can discuss specific issues regarding the health of these trees and find ways to mitigate them without resorting to tree removal.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter. Should you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

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