

Further, I can hardly believe that anyone who lives in Southern California can fail to be unaware of the sheer nuisance, filthiness (think: rats, starlings, house sparrows; did I mention rats?), high maintenance index, and danger presented by palm trees. They may be iconic, but they are (and this is a technical term beloved of arborists) a pain in the arse. (And I further question if the icon is one Pasadena wishes to be identified with).

Yours faithfully,

Roger Lebow

Comment by Roger Lebow — January 26, 2009 @ 9:43 pm

5.

I am against cutting down shade trees. Our city leaders had the wisdom to plant those trees to help with summer heat. Now with the global warming we should think of providing more natural cooling than doing the opposite.

Comment by Susanna Berzsenyi — January 27, 2009 @ 7:01 am

6.

Yet another intelligent decision by the council with great wisdom and vision (much like permitting all the high rises with low percentage of occupation that enhance the historic Pasadena architectural beauty). I say the only change needed here is the Council personnel. Doesn't maintenance of drains and sidewalks create jobs for people in these difficult times? Not to mention the good the trees do for cooling and cleaning the heat and pollution caused by all the cars driving around looking for parking spaces in charming Old Town. Pasadena used to be such a lovely town. It's starting to look a lot like Glendale.

Comment by Dmitri Bovaird — January 27, 2009 @ 9:01 am

7.

GREEN! Hasn't the City Council noticed the election of Obama. We the People want change. We need to transform the way we have been doing things.

Hasn't the City Council heard about global warming??

Are cities cutting down trees all over America??

This is like cutting down the tropical rain forests.

And after you cut down these trees, the businesses will need to put in more air conditioners.

I live on Prospect Blvd with its beautiful old camphor trees, messy and not good for sidewalks. On a hot day, when you drive into Prospect Blvd, you can feel the temperature go down five degrees. And when will you cut down the camphors on Prospect. You'll save lots of \$\$\$ on sidewalk repairs.

YES WE CAN do things differently. Think GREEN

Grace Tiessen
714 Prospect Blvd, Pasadena, 91103

Comment by Grace Tiessen — January 28, 2009 @ 11:25 am

8.

AND please stop planting those dreadful crepe myrtles. I have a 50 year old crepe myrtle in my yard. It's less than 20 feet tall and provides little or no shade. It's a pretty overgrown shrub. It is NOT a suitable large shady street tree.

Invite Treepeople Andy Lipkis to tell us what kind of large, shade, street trees we can plant.

Let's make Pasadena the Tree Capitol of Los Angeles.

THINK GREEN

Comment by Grace Tiessen — January 28, 2009 @ 12:47 pm

9.

I am horrified and heartbroken to think of these beautiful trees being cut down. Can't there be a better solution than this?

Comment by C. McBride — January 29, 2009 @ 9:03 pm

10.

Palm trees are for industrial zones. That's what they have on that little fake island off of Carpinteria. That's how we know it's fake. Real trees in real cities do require maintenance. So please maintain them.

Comment by Nancy Sulahian — February 2, 2009 @ 10:42 am

Names of Residents that signed petition against Removal of Playhouse District Trees

David James	330 Cordova Street 307
Jessica Harley-James	330 Cordova Street 307
Allan Poe	330 Cordova Street 146
Nancy Padilla	330 Cordova Street 331
Henry Po	330 Cordova Street 335
Brad English	330 Cordova Street 106
Gail English	330 Cordova Street 106
Arturo Monroy	330 Cordova Street 330
Patty Frey	330 Cordova Street 333
Barbara Taylor	330 Cordova Street 130
Jan Gold	330 Cordova Street 142
Sam Veggie	330 Cordova Street 105
Neil Frey	330 Cordova Street 333
Victor Fong	330 Cordova Street 306
Jo Mann	330 Cordova Street 341
Majid Jafarnia	330 Cordova Street 104
Suedabeh Jafarnia	330 Cordova Street 104
Merit Vick	330 Cordova Street 105
David Valenzuela	330 Cordova Street 347
Peter Mann	330 Cordova Street 341
Pam Scrape	330 Cordova Street 148
Kathy Meagher	330 Cordova Street 344
Catherine Merely	330 Cordova Street 330
Ed Gold	330 Cordova Street 142
Arlene Cordon	330 Cordova Street 334

Cathy Auyeing	330 Cordova Street 305
Sophia Zuckerman	330 Cordova Street 343
Amanda Airo	330 Cordova Street 332
Joe Lopez	330 Cordova Street 182
Jeff Haas	330 Cordova Street 182
Lynda Oberstaw	330 Cordova Street ???
Bruce Kedish	330 Cordova Street 178
Michael Beck	330 Cordova Street 260
Jamie Fugate	330 Cordova Street 260
Vera Mac Walsh	330 Cordova Street 326
Joel Harmon	330 Cordova Street 184
Mark Yeh	330 Cordova Street 311
Malena Tharachai	330 Cordova Street 186
Dennis Batting	330 Cordova Street 186
Gloria Gallegos	330 Cordova Street 367
Nancy Gallagher	330 Cordova Street 375
Joanne Watchic	330 Cordova Street 376
Sue Beall	330 Cordova Street 157
Patricia Winters	330 Cordova Street
Davis Thompson	330 Cordova Street 176
Khanhuy Phan	330 Cordova Street 176
Maria Cova	330 Cordova Street 114
Greg Ihotlea	330 Cordova Street 328
Maxine Van Voorest	330 Cordova Street 352
Dick Hurtz	6969
Antonio Cova	330 Cordova Street 114
Jamie Tuggy	330 Cordova Street 303

Peter Tuggy 330 Cordova Street 303
S. Choi 330 Cordova Street 262
Susan Lee 330 Cordova Street 161
Holly Wang 330 Cordova Street 327
Ezckiel Wang 330 Cordova Street 327

Michael Gillissie 382 South Marengo Pasadena
Sara Gillissie 382 South Marengo Pasadena
Ryan Harley 269 Bonita Pasadena
Amber Harley 269 Bonita Pasadena

Submitted by:
Jessica Harley - James
Lowe - 805-533-9000
Pasadena Resident
JLH

**PASADENA RESIDENTS AGAINST THE REMOVAL OF THE PLAYHOUSE DISTRICT
TREES**

Please Print Name (one person each line)	Unit# or address	Signature
1. David Jones	207	[Signature]
2. Allan	146	[Signature]
3. Nancy Padilla	331	[Signature]
4. HEVY	375	[Signature]
5. BRAD & GAIL ENGLISH	100	[Signature]
6. [Signature]		[Signature]
7. ↓	307	[Signature]
8. Arturo Manroy	330	[Signature]
9. Patty Frey	#333	[Signature]
10. Caribian Taylor	#130	[Signature]
11. JAN GOLD	#142	[Signature]
12. Sam Veggie	#105	[Signature]
13. NEIL FREY	#333	[Signature]
14. VICTOR FONG	#306	[Signature]
15. Jo Mann	#341	[Signature]
16. Majid Jafarini	#104	[Signature]
17. Sue Sabah Jafarini	#104	[Signature]
18. Meert Nick	#105	[Signature]
19. David Vucenak	#347	[Signature]
20. PETER MANW	#341	[Signature]
21. Pam Scrape	#148	[Signature]
22. Kathy Meagher	#344	[Signature]
23. CATHY MEREL	#330	[Signature]
24. Jan Gold	#142	[Signature]
25. Diane Wilson	#334	[Signature]
26. Jackie Angers	#303	[Signature]
27. SOPHIA ZUCKERMAN	#303	[Signature]
28. Amanda Aro	322	[Signature]
29. Joe Lopez	#142	[Signature]
30. JEFF HAAS	#182	[Signature]
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2.	Michael Gilliste	380 875 WARENGO	<i>Michael Gilliste</i>
3.	Jessica Harley James	307	<i>Jessica Harley James</i>
4.	Avis Jones	357	<i>Avis Jones</i>
5.	Lynette Oberst	330 CORDOVA	<i>Lynette Oberst</i>
6.	Bruce Kadish	330 Cordova #178	<i>Bruce Kadish</i>
7.	Michael Bell	260	<i>Michael Bell</i>
8.	Sumie Fugate	266	<i>Sumie Fugate</i>
9.	Vera Mile Waski	330 Cordova #331	<i>Vera Mile Waski</i>
10.	Joel Harmon	# 184	<i>Joel Harmon</i>
11.	Mark Velt	# 311	<i>Mark Velt</i>
12.	Malena Narachai	# 186	<i>Malena Narachai</i>
13.	Dennis Batwing	# 150	<i>Dennis Batwing</i>
14.	Glenn Gallagher	# 369, GLORIA GALLEGOS #301	<i>Glenn Gallagher</i>
15.	Glenn Gallagher	330 Cordova # 375	<i>Glenn Gallagher</i>
16.	Joanne Wathie	330 Cordova St #376	<i>Joanne Wathie</i>
17.	SUE BERL	330 CORDOVA #157	<i>Sue Berl</i>
18.	Patricia Waters	#330	<i>Patricia Waters</i>
19.	Davis Thompson	330 Cordova #176	<i>Davis Thompson</i>
20.	Khaahny Phan	330 Cordova #176	<i>Khaahny Phan</i>
21.	Jessica Cora	# 114	<i>Jessica Cora</i>
22.	Greg Greg Lyot	111 #328	<i>Greg Lyot</i>
23.	Maxine Van Voo	#352	MAXINE VAN VOOST
24.	Dick Hertz	6969	<i>Dick Hertz</i>
25.	Antonio Cora	#114 Cordova St.	<i>Antonio Cora</i>
26.	JAMIE TUGGY	# 303	<i>Jamie Tuggy</i>
27.	Peter Tuggy	#323	<i>Peter Tuggy</i>
28.	S. Chen	#161	<i>S. Chen</i>
29.	Marie Lee	#161	<i>Marie Lee</i>
30.	Feltyd Ezekiel Wang	#327	<i>Feltyd Ezekiel Wang</i>
31.	Ryan Harley	269 Bantz	<i>Ryan Harley</i>
32.	Anke Harley	269 Bantz	<i>Anke Harley</i>
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In defense of Pasadena's trees

Dear Mayor Bogaard and Council Members:

It is a very sad day in Pasadena when some of our elected officials choose to kill 43 mature and healthy trees.

Ironically, on January 12, 2009 while you were deciding to decrease the City's canopy, I was at a joint meeting of the Urban Forestry Committee and the Design Commission looking at ways to strengthen the tree ordinance in order to protect as many trees as possible.

While reading the front page of a local newspaper during a recent trip abroad, I saw a beautiful picture of a row of ficus trees being planted on a main boulevard in Casablanca. It made me think of the majestic trees that line several streets in Pasadena.

Two years ago at my urging, The California Releaf Group held their Annual Conference at the Hilton Hotel in Pasadena. More than 250 people from across the nation attended; they were in awe of the beauty and the size of the ficus trees that line Green Street. Months after the Conference was over, I was getting requests from some of the attendees to send them pictures of the ficus trees.

It would be a mistake to remove the ficus trees in favor of replacing them with ginkgo trees. Furthermore, the ginkgo species being planted on Colorado Boulevard grow straight up in the air and do not provide much of a canopy, and frankly the palm trees are not much different from telephone poles to a pedestrian walking beneath them. While this tree scheme may seem advantageous for the audience seated in the grand stands at the Rose Parade in that their view of the floats would not be obstructed, ginkgo and palm trees provide very little shade and overhead cover to our streets for the other 364 days of the year. These ginkgo trees grow slowly and are deciduous for five months of the year from November to March.

Scientific studies indicate that trees with canopies are good for business because they help merchants attract customers. A University of Washington study conducted by Dr. Kathleen L. Wolf found that consumers like to shop and tend to stay longer, and return to businesses that have trees around them. Consumers are also willing to pay for parking and up to 11% more for goods and services when shopping in shaded districts.

Another study conducted by a group from San Jose State University concluded that between 1971 and 1997 an increase in tree canopy meant an increase in profitable stores. This means that Business districts with trees are very inviting and welcoming to the consumers.

Mr. Sheldon and other merchants like him should be made aware of these studies. Maybe then they will view large trees as something more than just a nuisance that drops leaves and hides their signage To find out about the University of Washington's Study go to:
www.cfr.washington.edu/research.envmind/

Besides being good for business, trees help the environment in numerous ways:

- They cut our energy cost by lowering our air conditioning bills by as much as 30%
- They increase property values
- They prevent erosion, and reduce runoff from rain waters
- They help reduce smog and noise levels

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Submitted by Emina Darakjy

- They reduce Carbon Dioxide, a major greenhouse gas
- Trees help us moderate the heat-island effect that is caused by so much pavement
- Trees attract birds and other wildlife to our urban setting.

In closing, I would like to thank Mr. Tyler for his vote against the proposed tree removals and for his hard work over the years to develop and promote the City of Pasadena's Tree Ordinance. I am sad to see that Mr. Tyler decided not to run for office again. He will be greatly missed. Hopefully his successor will be an even greater champion of our urban forest.

Emina Darakjy
Urban Forestry Advisory Committee Member

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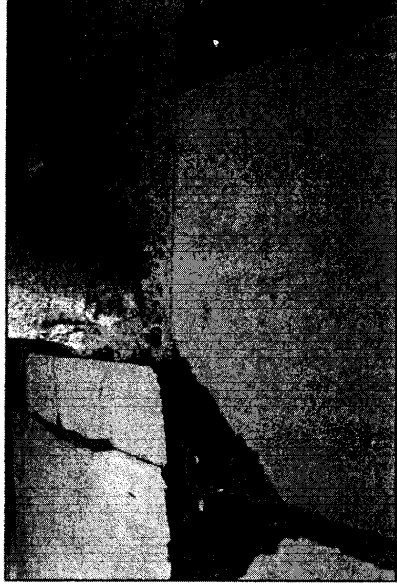
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Submitted by Paul J. McCoy



Colorado Boulevard Street Tree Hazards

Uplifted sidewalks



Street lights hidden in the tree canopy





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From: "Bogaard, Bill" <bbogaard@cityofpasadena.net>
To: <paul.cahill@att.net>
Subject: RE: FW: WWW PUBLIC COMMENT--Trees in Playhouse District
Date: Saturday, January 10, 2009 11:24:58 AM

Dear Mr. Cahill: The Council and the City certainly take a fresh look at things, when new information is discovered or for other reasons, but it is not frequent, simply because it would be difficult to reach closure on the many matters presented for final decision if reconsideration occurred all the time. When you urge that this matter be held--if you decide to do that--the question will be what is different today from when the plan was adopted. If you are present Monday, I will certainly make sure you get a chance to offer your suggestion. Meanwhile, I'll try to get a sense of how this approach came to be in the mid-1990s. Best regards, BILL BOGAARD

-----Original Message-----

From: paul.cahill@att.net [mailto:paul.cahill@att.net]
Sent: Fri 1/9/2009 4:43 PM
To: Bogaard, Bill
Subject: Re: FW: WWW PUBLIC COMMENT--Trees in Playhouse District

Dear Mr Bogaard:

Thank you for your response. I have in fact spoken to both Erlinda and our City Engineer, Dan Ricks.

I'm afraid I did not get much satisfaction from the Playhouse District as they wish to move forward with the removal and planting of new trees. In general, as a resident and member of the PDA, I support the efforts of the Playhouse District to improve the area, but, as I previously mentioned, I was surprised to find that it involved wholesale tree removal. Over the last few months, I have noticed trees removed from Oakland Ave / Colorado and from Colorado in front of the Target store.

Mr. Ricks was very helpful and did explain to me that this was indeed part of the City Master Plan from 1996 and that the replacement tree-planting contract is on the City Council's agenda for this next Monday Jan. 12. If the trees were damaging our underground utilities and encroaching on sewer and water lines, I could understand the need for their removal. But they are not. Except for sidewalk damage from some of the trees, it appears to be for largely cosmetic reasons.

The city posted signs on the trees this week, Mr. Ricks estimate is that it will probably be a month before the trees are removed and the new contract is in place. I reviewed the staff report online, the cost for replanting is \$130,000, however I don't know if the contractor or city crews will remove the existing trees.

As this will be on next Monday's Council agenda, I urge you to take steps necessary to ensure that all concerned have an opportunity to re-consider this action, and to reach out to residents for additional public comment before the trees are removed.

I realize I am bringing this to your attention at the eleventh hour and I appreciate your prompt response to my earlier email. It is truly a pleasure to live in this city with our

<http://webmail.att.net/wmc/en-US/v/wm/4987B23D00038C9000004777222306506202/02/2009>

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excellent public services and dedicated city officials and staff.

Thank you again
Best Regards
Paul Cahill

----- Original message from "Bogaard, Bill" <bbogaard@cityofpasadena.net> : -----

Dear Mr. Cahill: Here's a start in reponse to your inquiry. Have you checked in with the Playhouse District Association, which has day to day responsibility for "operating" the area and which might be able to provide all the background and the options, if any, to the action that you describe as part of the Master Plan? The contact there is Erlinda Romo, whose tel. no. and e-mail will be forwarded to you shortly. They as well as City staff have been part of the planning process and it might not be easy to modify things without their support. I don't know what the timing might be for any tree removal, do yiU? BILL BOGAARD

From: CityWeb-Server@cityofpasadena.net [mailto:CityWeb-Server@cityofpasadena.net]
Sent: Fri 1/9/2009 12:24 PM
To: Bogaard, Bill
Subject: WWW PUBLIC COMMENT

Subject: Colorado Blvd / Playhouse District Tree Removals
Name: Paul Cahill
Address: 192 N Madison Ave
City: Pasadena
State: CA
Zip: 91101
Email: Comments: Dear Mr. Mayor:

I recently learned that as part of the city's master plan, it is the city's intention to remove all the mature trees along Colorado Blvd, between Los Robles and Lake Avenue.

I was very disturbed by this when I saw notices posted on the trees early this week.

I understand that this has been part of the city's master plan since 1996, and part of the Playhouse District Association's StreetScape plan, but I wonder how many Pasadena residents realize that this is about to happen, until its too late! - after the fact!.

I recognize the business owners have various concerns about these trees, including the sidewalk damage and dropping berries, but I feel that this is a small price to pay to maintain the beautiful green canopy along the street. The current trees are evergreen, whereas the proposed new gingko trees are deciduous, and will take years to grow into maturity. Those that have been planted to-date have not grown well.

The mature trees we have in our urban forest are truly "green". A single mature tree can absorb carbon dioxide at a rate of 48 lbs./year and release enough oxygen back into the atmosphere to support 2 human beings.

By cutting down these trees, we are not only ruining the view, but damaging the

environment. The city will also be incurring significant costs to replace these trees and repair the sidewalk, at a time when we can ill afford to do so.

I'm sure, when you rode in this year's Rose Parade, you noticed how beautiful the tree canopy is along this part of Colorado Blvd. I urge you to reconsider and save these wonderful trees.

Thank you for your dedication to our city.

Respectfully
Paul Cahill

Date: 1/9/2009 12:24:10 PM

2 February 2009

Bill Bogaard
Mayor of Pasadena & Pasadena City Council
bbogaard@ci.pasadena.ca.us
P.O. Box 7115
Pasadena, CA 91109-7215



Photo, courtesy of the *Pasadena Star News*

Re: Preserving Indian Laurel Fig Trees on Colorado Blvd.

Dear Mr. Bogaard & Members of the Pasadena City Council,

I have heard that a meeting is to take place tonight concerning the replacement of the large fig trees on Colorado. I will say outright that I believe cutting down these beautiful trees would be an unwise choice. Those trees give character and life to the street of Colorado I have grown up with. They make Colorado my favorite street in all of Pasadena, casting shade on those of us who walk down the street to go to the Paseo Mall or simply walk down the street for the pleasure of it. My school is a five minute walk from Colorado and all it has to offer. Many of my friends and I spend our time on this street, and we walk up and down it since we do not have driving licenses yet. I certainly would not want to walk down a street during my weekends or summer vacation that has no protection from the hot sun!

Who would want to walk down Colorado, or linger outside the small shops that line the street, with the infamous Southern Californian sun beating down and warm weather making it uncomfortable to stand? What about the shops, whose windows will let in the hot rays of the sun that were once blocked by large Fig trees, causing their shops to become over-heated? Most importantly, what about the children that will go to my high school in the future, all of the generations to come that will not know the gorgeous street of Colorado as I know it if those old and wonderful Fig trees are cut down?

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Unfortunately I have school work to attend to and cannot go to the meeting tonight, but I hope the Fig trees on Colorado will continue to stand tall and majestic for many decades to come.

Respectfully,

Samantha P. Olivieri
Student of The Waverly School in Pasadena
10th Grade

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Submitted on behalf of
Samantha P. Olivieri

Selected Trees in the Playhouse District on Colorado Boulevard Slated for Removal

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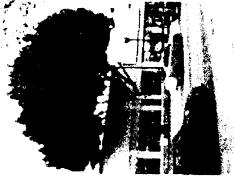
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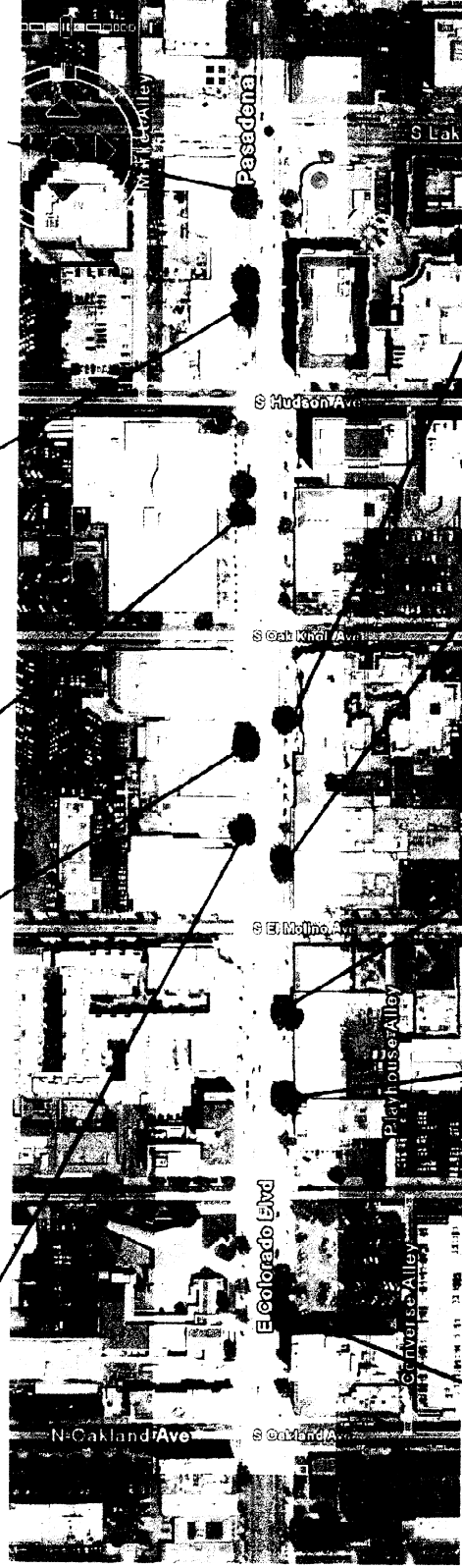
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