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**To:** Mermell, Steve  
**Subject:** tree ordinance reading

Hi Steve:

Regarding the upcoming final reading of the tree ordinance, I just wanted to express my disappointment in the fact that council will be approving an ordinance that in some cases will be taking away protection from some trees.

I am especially concerned about the Victoria Box. The City arborist's recommendation to make it easier to cut down this type of tree is unreal. The City encourages its citizens to express their opinions and come to meetings, etc., and yet when we make the effort, as I did last year by attending a joint commission meeting at the Senior Center and speaking for tighter protection for the Victoria Box, it appears that it fell on deaf years.

This is very disheartening. The arborist's recommendation is to go from a 12" to a 15" to qualify for protection. These are beautiful shade trees and deserve protection. Unless I have misunderstood, it will become easier to cut these trees with the new revisions of the ordinance.

Some of the Victorian Boxes have started to bloom. The perfume they create is strongest in the evening. If you or the council members are interested in experiencing this gift that the Victorian Box offers us, please make the effort to be around one of these trees in the next two to three weeks. They only bloom once a year prior to spring and their scent is strongest at night.

As I state before, this tree is no longer being planted by the City or developers or even private property owners. We have lost a lot of these trees for various reasons and at some point there are not going to be many left in the City. I have read articles in various publications by various writers about how great our city "smells" and what they were referring to was, unbeknownst to the writers, the scent of the blooms of the Victoria Box.

Please distribute this email to all Council members, City Manager, Mayor and any other interested party.

Sincerely,

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