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# **NEWPORT BEACH**

## **PB&R Commission Staff Report**

Agenda Item \_\_\_\_\_  
June 4, 2019

**TO:** Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Public Works Department / Municipal Operations Division  
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**TITLE:** Appeal of Denial for Tree Removal Request – 720 Jasmine Avenue

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the PB&R Commission consider the appeal from John Buckingham (resident at 927 Gardenia Way) of staff's denial of the removal of a City Sugar Gum tree in front of 720 Jasmine Avenue.

**DISCUSSION:**

City Council Policy G-1, Retention, Removal, and Maintenance of City Trees, allows the PB&R Commission to act upon an appeal to remove Standard City trees. On July 12, 2018, property owner John Buckingham, resident at 927 Gardenia Way within the Jasmine Park Association, contacted the City to request the removal of a Sugar Gum tree in front of 720 Jasmine Avenue due to view encroachment and sidewalk damage.

The City Arborist inspected the tree on March 1, 2019 and determined the Gum tree is in healthy and stable condition and does not meet the criteria for removal referenced in the G-1 Policy. The City sidewalk is lifted likely due to the roots of the tree, which can be mitigated with root pruning/shaving and repair to the sidewalk, or the sidewalk could be ramped within ADA specifications to avoid any root pruning. Mr. Buckingham was informed and advised of the City Arborist's findings, and that he could appeal staff's decision to the PB&R Commission. Attached are the Tree Removal Review and Tree Inspection Report.

**NOTICING:**

John Buckingham, Council Member Joy Brenner, and Corona del Mar Village Community Association / Corona del Mar Residents Association have received a copy of this report. Additionally, surrounding property owners, map attached, were notified via postcard of the Commission Meeting related to this appeal of staff's denial of the removal request. The tree was posted with the attached poster regarding the removal request.

**Attachments:**

- A. Tree Removal Application
- B. Tree Removal Review and Tree Inspection Reports
- C. Map highlighting surrounding property owners notified of the Commission Meeting
- D. Postcard Notification
- E. Tree Poster