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Resume for:

Greg Applegate, ASCA

#### Credentials

American Society of Consulting Arborists - Registered Consulting Arborist #365  
International Society of Arboriculture - Certified Arborist #WE-180a  
International Society of Arboriculture - Tree Risk Assessment Qualified-PNC-444

#### Experience

Mr. Applegate is an independent consulting arborist, CEO of Arborsgate Consulting, Inc. He has been in the horticulture industry since 1963, providing professional arboricultural consulting since 1984 within both private and public sectors. His expertise includes appraisal, tree preservation, diagnosis of tree and palm problems, decay quantification & evaluation, construction impact mitigation, forensic consulting and testimony, risk evaluation, pruning specifications and supervision, species selection, and tree health monitoring.

Mr. Applegate consults for insurance companies, developers, theme parks, museums, homeowners, homeowners' associations, landscape architects, landscape contractors, property managers, attorneys, schools, universities and governmental bodies.

Notable projects on which he has consulted are: Disneyland, Disneyland Hotel, DisneySeas-Tokyo, Disney's Wild Animal Kingdom, the New Tomorrowland, Disney's California Adventure, Disney Hong Kong project, Universal Studios, Knott's Berry Farm, J. Paul Getty Museum, Tustin Ranch, Newport Coast, Crystal Court, Newport Fashion Island Palms, Bixby Ranch Country Club, Playa Vista, MTA Purple and Expo Lines, MWD-California Lakes, Loyola-Marymount campus, Cal Tech, Cal State Long Beach, Pierce College, The Irvine Concourse, UCI, USC, UCLA, LA City College, LA Trade Tech, Riverside City College, Crafton Hills College, and the State of California review of the Landscape Architecture License exam (re: plant materials).

#### Education

Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture,  
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona 1973  
Arboricultural Consulting Academy (by ASCA)  
Arbor-Day Farm, Kansas City 1995  
Continuing Education Courses in Arboriculture  
required to maintain Certified Arborist status and for ASCA membership

#### Professional Affiliations

American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA), Registered Member  
American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), Full Member  
International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), Regular Member  
ASCA 2011 Nominations Committee and A3G appraisal update committee  
ASCA, Industry definitions committee 2009-2010  
ASCA web site, west coast tree question responder (2007 and continuing)  
California Tree Failure Report Program, UC Davis, Participant (1995 to present)  
California Oak Foundation, Member (2009 and continuing)  
International Palm Society (IPS), Member (1977 and continuing)  
Street Tree Seminar (STS), Member (1978 and continuing)

#### Community Affiliations

Horticulture Advisory Committee, Saddleback College (1988 -1995)  
SoCalif ASLA visibility committee 1980-82  
UCLA Interior Landscape Committee 1987  
Landscape Arch. License Exam prep, Instructor, Cal Poly Pomona (1986-90)  
American Institute of Landscape Architects Board of Directors (1980-82)  
California Landscape Architect Student Scholarship Fund-Chairman (1985)  
International Society of Arboriculture-Examiner-tree worker certification (1990)  
Guest lecturer at UCLA, Cal Poly, Saddleback College, & Palomar Junior College  
The Tree People (2000 and continuing)

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# Synopsis

Marine Avenue Street Tree Evaluation Prepared by Greg Applegate RCA #365

Abrogate Consulting

Assessment December 19, 2018

- Applegate's overall assessment is that Marine Ave trees are stable.
- Compared to most other common urban street trees Lemon gums, red gums, flooded gums and Silver Mountain gums have very few bad characteristics and more good characteristics, such as less pavement lifting and sign blockage.
- Lemon gums, red gums, flooded gums and Silver Mountain gums do not commonly shed large branches and toppling is very rare unless there is girdling or other root defects.
- The majority of Marine Ave trees are rated in Good to Fair health (B & C) with "adequate to continued life"
- Trees that are rated D are still recoverable.
- There are a few trees recommended for monitoring due to their current "tree well" space.
- Two eucalyptus and two other tree species are recommended for removal, they are tree #11, tree #19, tree #32 and tree #41.
- Certain trees are listed in the report as not recommended for tree replacements.
- Marine Ave trees have adapted to their unique coastal and sandy soil environment.
- Some of the damage to the trees are from the city's poor maintenance over the years and current efforts to 'dress up' the tree wells (Astro Turf).
- There are several items that needs to be addressed immediately for maintaining the health of the trees, such as removal of the plastic Astro Turf and brick inlay, and proper pruning.
- Much attention has been given in the report to techniques and standards to preserve the trees health, especially during times of construction and pruning.
- Unless any tree is noted as an immediate danger, D rated trees do not necessarily need to be removed -- but monitored.

Jodi Patrich  
Balboa Island Resident  
RE: Tree assessment walk - Marine Ave.  
10/04/18

Rick Harlow  
ISA Board-Certified Master Arborist WC3880  
1918 Santa Ana Ave.  
Costa Mesa, CA, 92627

Per the request of Ms. Bole, I was asked to assess the current condition of the 42 street trees along the 2 blocks of Marine Ave. on both sides of the street. Knowing that I would not be able to assess the trees with the detail often used when preparing a formal Tree Report due to my current teaching schedule, I agreed to walk the street and give a professional opinion of the trees and their general health. The opinions generated in my one-hour walk are general in nature.

Observations: The 42 trees observed are comprised of mostly *Eucalyptus citriodora* (26), *Eucalyptus maculata* (1), *Eucalyptus nicholii* (2), *Eucalyptus rudus* (8), *Eucalyptus polyanthemos* (2) along with 1 small *Ginkgo biloba*, 1 *Spathodea campanulata*, and 1 unknown (*Pittosporum* sp.).

Most of the *Eucalyptus* were in fair to good condition with evidence of some branch tip dieback on several the *E. citriodora* species. The estimated age was between 70 and 80 years for most of the larger *Eucalyptus* having grown into their surroundings over that time. There were 4 planting holes vacant. There was also an artificial turf covering over the planting squares covering the soil and wrapping up to the root crown area (trunk flair). I only observed what appeared to be lerp psyllid on one of the *E. maculata*, but the tree didn't seem to be damaged from the psyllid infestation and was in full leaf. The trees seemed to have been pruned regularly and were not showing any signs of needing structural pruning or maintenance thinning. Evidence of hard root pruning was evident on one tree (see picture) due to proximity to the curb.

Opinions: Branch tip dieback is generally associated with root issues. The trees having grown into their spaces over many decades receive their water mostly when it rains as water percolates through the streets, sidewalks and planter openings. Having 7 of the last 10 years being droughty years with less than normal rainfall, and covering being placed over the planting holes in the last few years, my first guess would be lack of water to the roots as well as the benefits of rainfall leaching any excessive accumulated salts down away from the root systems. There was smaller than expected evidence of heaving and lifting from tree roots on the sidewalks and in the streets.

*Eucalyptus* are uniquely fast growing and long-lived trees. *E. citriodora* are known to survive among limiting infrastructure and are not known to damage sidewalks like some other large species. The trees show signs of regular thinning and other than a few branch stubs being left behind on the tree, seem well visited by pruning crews. There were no signs of wood rot diseases that would signal immediate attention or pose a danger.

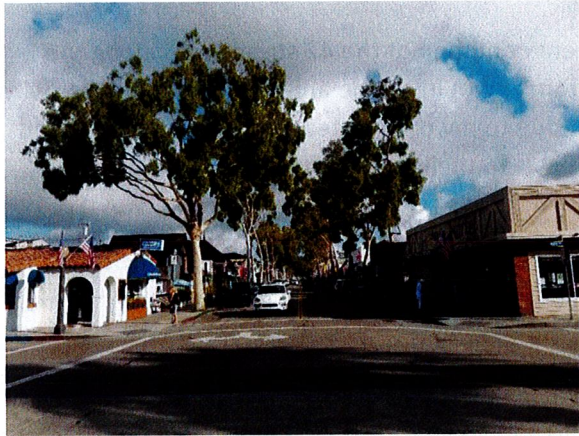
I feel that the "Astro turf" should be addressed and removed. Tree root crowns need to be exposed to the air and kept dry and injury free and this addition cannot be doing the trees any good and might be contributing to issues mentioned previously.

The trees showing tip dieback should be regularly monitored allowing for proactive decisions to both help the trees and maintain public safety.

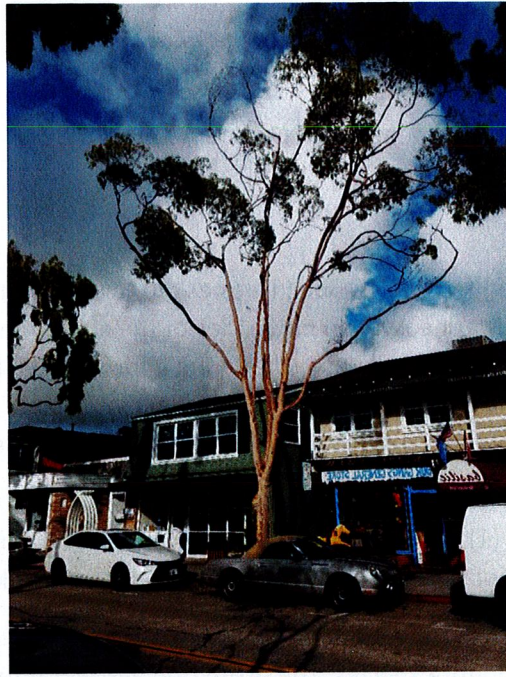
A thorough Tree assessment report should be perused prior to any major changes to the trees' surroundings. This would allow full information to any potential concerned parties.

Rick Harlow

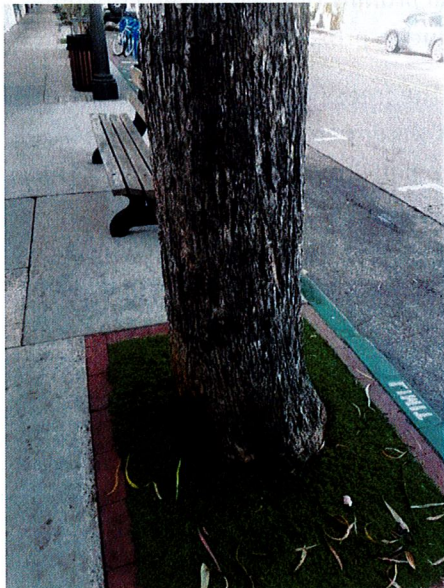




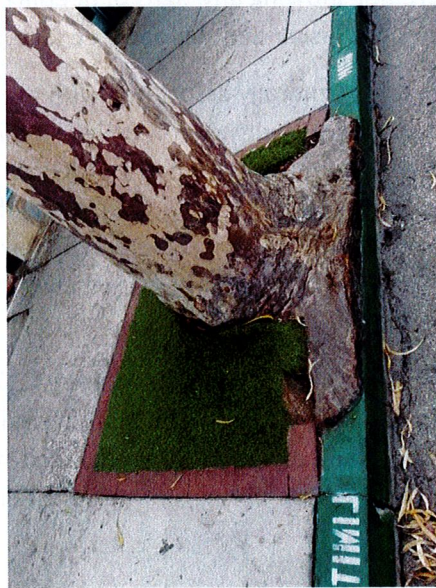
Street scene looking North



The worst of the branch observed



Astro turf covering root crown



Root Pruning



March 4, 2019

Re: Notice of Tree Trimming- Marine Ave  
Bcc: Balboa Island Preservation Supporters

Dear Honorable Mayor,

In October 2019 a preliminary poll of almost 700 citizens of Balboa Island have expressed their concern to maintain the quaint and 100-year historical look of Marine Ave on Balboa Island and because of this concern have formed the Balboa Island Preservation Association. A key part of this concern extends to the preservation of our mature and City of Newport Beach designated 'Special Trees' located on Marine Ave.

In addition, these citizens have also contributed personal funds to hire a recognized independent arborist to visit the site and evaluate each of the Marine Ave trees. They have also extended this effort to secure a second opinion by another well recognized arborist who substantially agrees with the opinion of the first expert. One of the important findings was the trees have been excessively pruned, improperly pruned and best tree practices are not being utilized in maintaining the Marine Ave trees.

The Balboa Island Preservation Association has just recently learned that plans are under way to have Great Scott Tree Service trim these trees again the week of March 11, 2019. Although our trees are in stable condition, the Association and residents of Balboa Island are presently conducting further investigations of the situation to establish and incorporate important and proven guidelines for tree preservation, safety and proper pruning practices of our Special Trees. (Please refer to the attached tree assessment report pages 3, 4, 9 and page 14-pruning)

We believe that additional pruning, as done in the past, will put at further risk the health of our Special Trees, as well as change the quint and historical look of Marine Ave.

As a consequence, we hereby request that you declare an immediate moratorium on the March tree trimming on Marine Ave to both allow the trees to recover from previous pruning practices and, until such time, we can coordinate our wishes with the City of Newport Beach.

I appreciate your sensitivity and response to the request of this citizen group.

Jodi P. Bole, Co-Chair – Balboa Island Preservation Association  
Attached: Marine Ave. Tree Assessment Report

Mike Smith  
, Irvine Terrace



## The Balboa Island Trees

Strip the Marine Avenue trees? Wow! That's quite a change from the Marine Avenue I grew up with. My father, Hal Will Smith, a realtor for more than 50 years at 205 Marine planted those eucalyptus trees around 1926 to give the street some life, some interest and some shade. I'm glad he is not here to see this change. He would be appalled by the city's vision that looks like a cheap carnival midway. As an aside, I'd note that over the years dad gave well over 5000 palm trees to the city and they seem to be doing well all over town. But beauty is in the eye of the beholder. If that's what Island residents want, then so be it. But were they asked? I own property on the island and I don't remember being asked. I think the trees are a much-needed welcoming element that many of us appreciate. Coming over the bridge, I get a calming vibe from the trees (even on busy summer weekends). The trees provide shade and dramatically soften a (still) narrow, commercial street. I confess that I don't know why the city would pull those beautiful trees that can never be replaced. But cities do things for strange reasons. I hope that beauty will prevail. Before I go, let me offer another bit of Marine Avenue history. When you are walking along Marine Avenue, take a look at the seam in the cement about 4 feet from the curb. Dad, and half a dozen other early Marine Avenue business owners (circa 1935) realized that Marine Avenue was way too narrow for a main street. It was the same width as other island streets. Think about that! This small group approached all the property owners on both sides of Marine and asked that they donate four feet of their property to widen Marine. They all said YES! You and I are the beneficiaries of that effort. Would that be possible today?. That's why the tree issue is important. There is no going back. In a few years it will be impossible to return tall shade trees to the Marine Avenue we enjoy today.



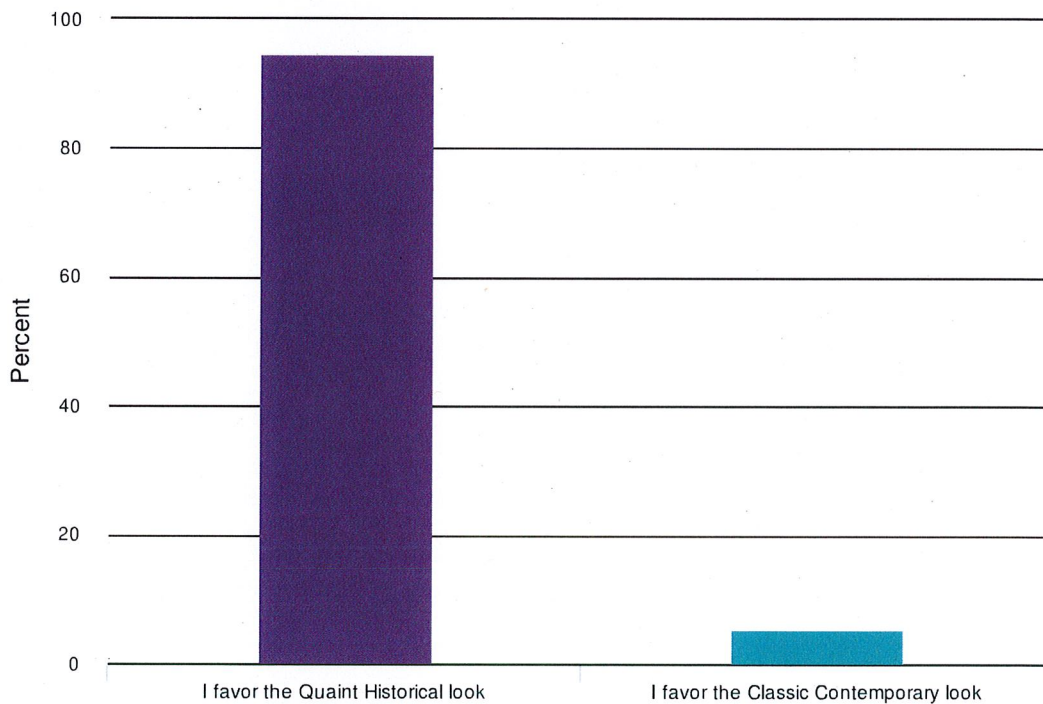
# Report for Balboa Island Marine Avenue Survey

## Response Counts

Completion Rate:	100%	
Complete		 684



Totals: 684

1. Do you favor the Quaint Historical look or do you favor the Classic Contemporary look for Marine Avenue on Balboa Island?



## Value

## Percent

I favor the Quaint Historical look		94.6%
I favor the Classic Contemporary look		5.4%

Email Statistics

0  
Total Emails

0  
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No data to display







**From:** [Randy McIlwain](#)  
**To:** [Dept - City Council](#)  
**Subject:** balboa island - marine ave  
**Date:** Thursday, August 8, 2019 5:12:05 PM

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everyone that I've talked to is OUTRAGED at the city plans to ruin our beloved island charm. I can see the value in upgrading the infrastructure, but return it to a RESTORED condition.

I'm 76 years old I have sadly seen Newport Beach being converted from a friendly, warm neighborhood to a Las Vegas wannabe. please, PLEASE, please leave our charming island alone !!!

repair if you must but don't mess with a gem.

please look at our feelings regarding your planned attack---  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NBB4OC/>



**From:** [Hillary Niblo](#)  
**To:** [Dept - City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Balboa Island  
**Date:** Thursday, August 8, 2019 8:02:47 PM

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I understand the City wants to drastically change the appearance of Marine Ave on Balboa Island. Residents of Newport Beach do not want this! AND there is no reason for this!! We want to keep our historic Marine Avenue trees and maintain the quaint, historical character of Marine Avenue. The charm of old Newport Beach has been gobbled up left and right by greedy developers, replaced by boring, trendy buildings and retail areas. This is unwanted on Balboa Island. Please leave this neighborhood alone...if it isn't broken, don't mess with it! The only negative thing on Marine Ave now is the plethora of \$19 and under junk clothing stores and salons whose employees stand in the doorways harassing passers by with 'free' trials and encouraging them to come in and try their products.

Thank you.

Hillary Niblo

53 yr Newport Beach Resident

5 year previous Balboa Island Resident

**From:** [Dan Abbott](#)  
**To:** [Dept - City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Tree removal  
**Date:** Thursday, August 8, 2019 9:02:45 PM

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I am against removing the trees on Marine Avenue .  
Dan Abbott 804 So. Bay Front, Balboa Island

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [carolek7@aol.com](mailto:carolek7@aol.com)  
**To:** [Dept - City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Marine Ave trees  
**Date:** Thursday, August 8, 2019 11:06:52 PM

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Dear City Council,

I am opposed to the plan to remove trees from Marine Ave on Balboa Island. I live above the island in Irvine Terrace. The trees are such a great touch to the avenue and I think they do everything to enhance it. The trees have already been removed from the parking lot on the corner of Bayside and Marine (the plastic surgery building). Sadly the property now has a pay to park, even on the weekends when the offices are closed. It's sad that people that want to attend church on the island now have to pay to park. Probably greed I guess.

I have also seen many other trees disappearing around Newport Beach. The city wasting money on a project the residents of the island are against seems odd. Is there a safety issue involved or some people just wanting to "update" a great looking street. So many who come to visit the island love the charm and style, please don't mess with it, it's already perfect.

Thank you,  
Carole King  
1721 Galatea Terrace  
CDM



**From:** Jennifer Drake <j\_drake119@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 11, 2019 5:49 PM  
**To:** Dept - City Council  
**Subject:** Marine Avenue Balboa Island tree removal

Dear City Council,

We are residents of Balboa Island and we oppose the removal of the Lemon Gum Eucalyptus trees on Marine Avenue. They are part of the historic look of Balboa Island. They bring shade, beauty and serenity to the island. Please DO NOT REMOVE the Lemon Gum Eucalyptus trees.

Thank You,

Sincerely,

Dan and Jennifer Drake

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Valerie Price <v.price.777.vp@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 11, 2019 10:49 PM  
**To:** Dept - City Council  
**Subject:** Keep the Trees PLEASE...

Dear City Council Members,

The removal of the beautiful trees on Marina Avenue would be a huge mistake for ALL the reasons mentioned in the discovery and reports of the plan to do away with the trees vs. keeping them. These historic trees are not diseased, a safety concern or have any other type of negative that they need to be removed. Some people just can't leave things alone. They seem to want change our little town for no reasonable reason!

Do you all walk down Marina Ave? I do and have for many many years, like so many people, we love the trees. So, do the trees have issues? No! Do the right thing and preserve the trees, take care of our history, don't destroy it....geez, what next??? Please keep these trees. My property will be devalued as everyone else's will be. That is shameful....

Thank you for saving the trees.

I am out of town or I would be at the upcoming meeting.

Sincerely,

Ms. Price

**From:** Brent Hardman <beachbumbrent@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2019 6:35 AM  
**To:** Dept - City Council  
**Subject:** Balboa Island trees

I lived on the Island for many years and visit often. Please don't destroy the beautiful look in Marine

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** Deborah Powell <debbiepowell@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2019 8:02 AM  
**To:** Dept - City Council  
**Subject:** PLEASE DON'T REMOVE THE TREES!

Dear Council

As a frequent visitor to Balboa Island now since 1994, and a former business owner on the Peninsula, I implore you to NOT take down the trees! This street is what is left of traditional Balboa and the trees add beauty character, oxygen and a little bit of shade. This street without trees will just become another street with stores. I am sure there is a way to do the improvements to the sidewalks and streets while keeping the trees.

I wish I could make the council meeting but I will be traveling for work so want to make sure my voice is heard.

Sincerely,  
Debbie Powell

**From:** Sonia Derryberry <soniaderryberry@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2019 8:05 AM  
**To:** Dept - City Council  
**Subject:** Balboa Island Marine Ave Trees

My family Visits Balboa Island every fall and we really enjoy driving over the bridge to be welcomed by the Marine Avenue tree-lined street please please please do not remove these beautiful trees there have been studies showing they are not diseased.

Thank you

Sonia Derryberry

661-204-4161

soniaderryberry@gmail.com

Miramar International Riverwalk

10800 Stockdale Hwy #101

Bakersfield CA 93311

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**From:** Kim Csongor <KimCsongor@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2019 8:50 AM  
**To:** Dept - City Council  
**Subject:** Balboa Trees

Please don't cut down the Marine Avenue Balboa trees :)



**From:** Martha Beauchamp <mimi4x@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 11, 2019 10:32 AM  
**To:** Dept - City Council  
**Subject:** Trees on Balboa Island

Please keep Balboa Island as is. Removal of the beautiful eucalyptus tree for a bike rack is bad enough, but removal of all trees would be a travesty.

Martha Beauchamp  
Newport Beach resident for 45 years  
Mimi4x@aol.com

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**From:** Jamie Young <jamiepainteryoung@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 11, 2019 5:03 PM  
**To:** Dept - City Council  
**Subject:** Balboa Island Marine Ave Trees

I was just informed of your horrific plan to remove perfectly healthy 100 year old Eucalyptus trees on Marine Ave. on Balboa Island without any scientific backing for them posing a danger. How dare you! Please stop this madness. They are an integral part of what makes the street so scenic, not to mention providing valuable shade. And until you can provide data that shows they pose a danger, I beg you to cease this awful plan.

The city has already ruined the scenic and historic Fun Zone. Now you want to do the same for Balboa Island. Shame on you.

Jamie Young  
205 Ruby Ave.  
Balboa Island

**From:** RThomas <rtnaff@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 11, 2019 3:59 PM  
**To:** Dept - City Council  
**Subject:** Balboa Island Trees

As a long time Newport Beach resident and Balboa Island visitor, I am appalled City Council would not perform better due diligence before making such a decision as removing the trees along Marine St.

Step back, perform thorough risk analysis before you start destroying trees and affect the ambience and lifestyle on Balboa Island.

Roger

Sent from my iPad



**From:** Mark Hurray <markhurray@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 11, 2019 2:51 PM  
**To:** Dept - City Council  
**Subject:** Save Marine Ave.  
  
**Importance:** High

As a long time resident of Balboa Island (46 years), property owner, patron to many of the islands shopping and dining establishments I urge the city council re-think their "plan" to remove the trees lining Marine avenue. If in fact at some point these trees pose an actual danger, I'd suggest they be replaced with younger trees of the same type. As a resident and voter in the area, maintaining the historic charm of Balboa Island and Marine avenue in particular is of primary concern.

Mark

**From:** Ravi Lai <lairavi@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 11, 2019 8:41 PM  
**To:** Dept - City Council  
**Subject:** Trees on Marine Avenue

Dear City Council

Open your Eyes, enjoy the shade and the beauty of the trees that adorn our beautiful City and Sidewalks.

Cutting down and removing these iconic trees will only destroy the charm and beauty of our wonderful landscape. Save our money and put it to better use where needed elsewhere

Dr.Lai

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

**From:** Susan Painter <suepainter123@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 11, 2019 5:48 PM  
**To:** Dept - City Council  
**Subject:** Marine trees

Shame on you! Who cuts down perfectly healthy trees? If you want to beautify Marine this is not the way to go about it. How about getting a scientific report on the condition of the trees before declaring them a safety hazard. This reason makes no logical sense. An angree Island resident. SUE Painter Ruby Ave. I ok

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**From:** Jennifer Drake <j\_drake119@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 11, 2019 6:11 PM  
**To:** Dept - City Council  
**Subject:** Fwd: Marine Avenue Balboa Island tree removal

Dear City Council,

Addendum to earlier email:

We are writing this letter NOT only as residents of Balboa Island but also property owners. We feel the removal of the trees on Marine Avenue would diminish the tranquil and historic atmosphere of the island. Ultimately decreasing property values. Please take the Balboa Island residents and property owners wish's into great consideration.

Thank You,

Dan and Jennifer Drake

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jennifer Drake <j\_drake119@icloud.com>  
**Date:** August 11, 2019 at 5:50:03 PM PDT  
**To:** Jennice Cerrina <jboylan@jimssupply.com>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Marine Avenue Balboa Island tree removal

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:[citycouncil@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:citycouncil@newportbeachca.gov)

**From:** Jennifer Drake <j\_drake119@icloud.com>  
**Date:** August 11, 2019 at 5:49:21 PM PDT  
**To:** [citycouncil@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:citycouncil@newportbeachca.gov)  
**Subject:** Marine Avenue Balboa Island tree removal

Dear City Council,

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Thank You,

Sincerely,

Dan and Jennifer Drake

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Lee Pearl <smartpearl1@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 11, 2019 7:56 PM  
**To:** Dept - City Council  
**Subject:** FYI  
**Attachments:** IMG\_6575.jpg; ATT00001.txt; IMG\_6574.jpg; ATT00002.txt

Mayor and Council: If you have not seen this card it has been distributed on the Island. Lee Pearl



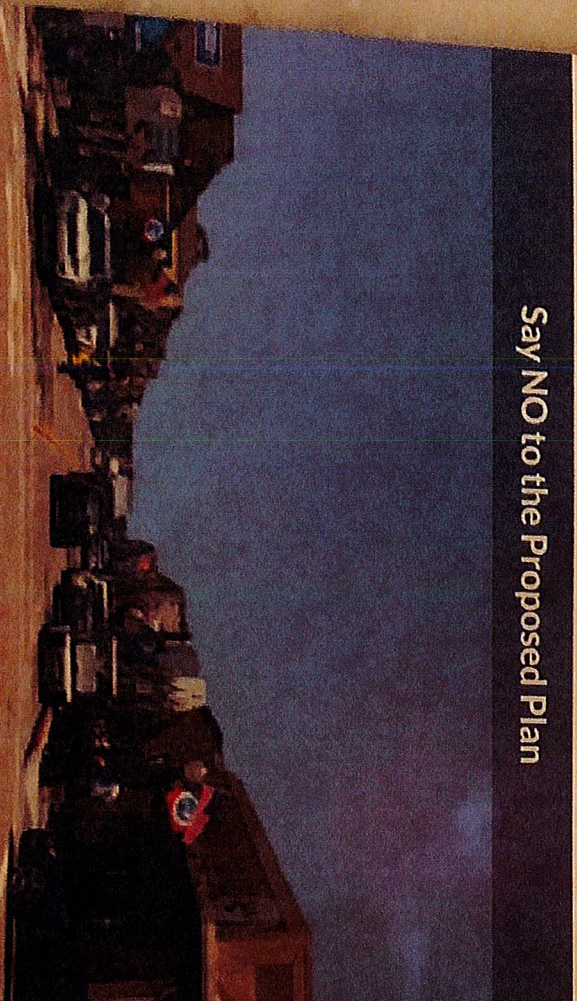
# ATTENTION

**SAVE MARINE AVENUE BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!!**

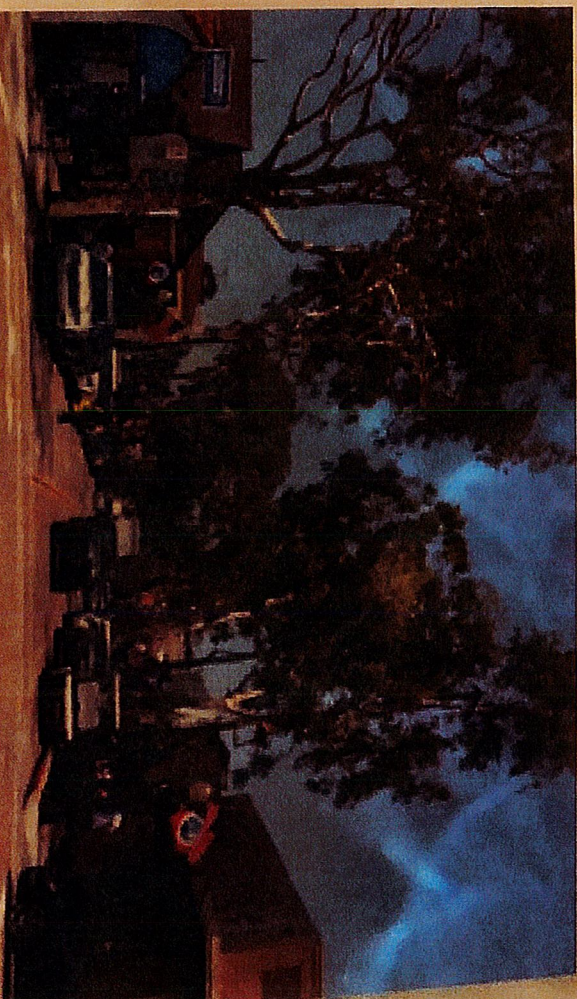
Newport Beach's Public Works Department is proposing to remove

**ALL DESIGNATED SPECIAL TREES on Marine Ave STARTING THIS SEPTEMBER, 2019!**

**Say NO to the Proposed Plan**



**Marine Ave with the removal of eucalyptus trees**



**Marine Ave with mature eucalyptus trees**

**Turn over for more information on how to STOP the redevelopment of Marine Ave!!**



# TO KEEP MARINE AVE QUAIN AND HISTORICAL FOR GENERATIONS TO COME!

**WE MUST GET SUPPORT FROM OUR COUNCIL CHAMBERS MEMBERS TO SAVE OUR SPECIAL TREES**

**We must show our support for our special trees to our City Council Members**

**4:00PM - 6:00PM  
August 13, 2019**

**Newport Beach City Hall, Council Chambers  
100 Civic Center Drive  
Newport Beach, CA 92660**

**If you do not want to see our cherished main street transformed forever, YOU MUST ATTEND this council meeting.**

**Book your seats NOW on the complimentary 'Preservation Bus' to City Hall!**

**Important Details and Facts go to:**

**[www.SaveMarineAve.com](http://www.SaveMarineAve.com)**



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**From:** veronica kitchen <rhonni@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 10, 2019 7:46 AM  
**To:** Dept - City Council  
**Subject:** Marine ave trees

Please do not remove the trees

From Rhonni

**From:** Gary Dial <dial7272@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 10, 2019 12:23 PM  
**To:** Dept - City Council  
**Subject:** Balboa Island street trees

Leave them alone.

Gary Dial Newport resident 60 years.

**From:** Kerry Hacker <kerry25@me.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 09, 2019 6:26 PM  
**To:** Dept - City Council  
**Cc:** Bobbit Williams Bill; Bridge Singelyn Lillian; normaap36@yahoo.com; Bryden Stephanie; Dean Hacker; Hacker Birthdays Carole; Whipple Carol; Duplicate Bridge Carol Berg; Encore Nancy Chaix; sue10lee@gmail.com; janelarkin2002@gmail.com; Bridge Beverly Sobraske; smays206@gmail.com; Susie Gallagher  
**Subject:** Trees on Marine Avenue

Please do not remove trees. They are beautiful, good for the environment and the air we breathe.  
There is enough concrete in Newport Beach let's keep it a green city.

Please share this  
Sent from my iPad

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**From:** catscmailbums@earthlink.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 10, 2019 8:42 PM  
**To:** Dept - City Council  
**Subject:** Marine Avenue trees

+AMDG+

Please do NOT remove these beautiful and historic "lemon gum" trees from Marine Avenue. They are part of the beautiful charm of Balboa Island and you would be doing a great disservice, not only to the local residents, but to all of us who are part of the Island community via our weekly lives.

The tress are healthy, beautiful, and a benefit to the allure of the island. Let them alone. We are sick of "planter boxes" and "palm trees. These belong here.

Best regards,

Cathleen Sweeney

[catscmailbums@earthlink.net](mailto:catscmailbums@earthlink.net)



**From:** Kallao, Franz <fkallao@mgmresorts.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 09, 2019 9:14 PM  
**To:** Dept - City Council  
**Subject:** Marine Avenue Trees

Please -DO NOT REMOVE THEM!

What could possibly be a good reason for this?

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**From:** David Rose <david@melroseind.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 11, 2019 12:04 AM  
**To:** Dept - City Council  
**Subject:** Trees on Marine Ave, Balboa Island

Realizing that there are infrastructure issues that have to be addressed on Marine Ave, I'm sure there's a reasonable way to do so without destroying its present character. This character (charm) gives us a cozy feel, helps the merchants along Marine Ave. and helps maintain our property values. We're adding our voice to the many others that ask our elected officials to do what we the people are asking you to do. Thank you for your attention and affirmative action.

Rgds,  
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**From:** Nelson, Jennifer  
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**Subject:** FW: The Trees on Marina Ave  
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And one more...

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**From:** Valerie Price <v.price.777.vp@gmail.com>  
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This what the article reports....  
Seems pretty straight forward...

The city of Newport Beach has announced its plan to remove heritage Eucalyptus trees which have graced iconic Marine Avenue on Balboa Island since the 1920s – the first 10 trees to be removed by the end of the year and 17 more in 2020-21. They are justifying this plan on the excuse that the trees pose a high risk to residents and passersby. They base this analysis on a visual review of the trees by a municipal arborist and without performing an actual risk assessment. A standard ANSI Level 3 Risk Assessment would include customary testing (e.g., pull test, tilt sensors, root crown excavation, sonic tomography etc.). The city has done no public testing of the trees.

Conveniently, tree removal fits in with the city's plans to "rehabilitate" Marine Avenue with new streets, sidewalks, drains, lighting, landscaping, etc. City staff appears to have been determined to replace the iconic trees from the beginning of this program. In their March 23, 2018 report, their "Initial Observations" included the unsupported statement of "Aging trees in decline" and stated that the "trees must be replaced." In their later Marine Avenue Reconstruction Project Update posted on the city website, they again included without discussion "Tree replacements."

Learning of these plans, concerned residents contacted Richard Harlow, Chairman of the Horticulture Department at OCC and a Board-Certified Master Arborist, who reviewed the trees and stated that the Marine Ave. historic lemon gum eucalyptus trees are well suited for their location and have long life spans. He saw "no signs of wood rot diseases that would signal immediate attention."

It should be noted that Marine Avenue does NOT have any blue gum eucalyptus trees, the entirely different species which once lined Irvine Avenue. Blue gums are not good street trees and, in addition to the incident on Irvine Avenue, have generated 268 failure reports to the Western Tree Failure Database (WTFD). In contrast, the yellow gum tree is recommended as a street tree by Southern California Street Tree Inc. and has generated very few reports since the WTFD was created in 1987.

Balboa Island Preservation Association (BIPA) commissioned Certified Arborist Greg Applegate of Arborgate Consulting to perform an in-depth evaluation of the Marine Avenue trees. Applegate is a highly respected arborist and the very first certified tree risk assessor in California. He consults on large-scale, complex tree projects for organizations such as UCI, USC, Disney, J Paul Getty Museum and the State of California. Greg reported that "(c)ompared to most other common urban street trees [Marine Avenue's yellow gum eucalyptus] have very few bad characteristics and more good characteristics, such as less pavement lifting and sign blockage... they do not commonly shed large branches and toppling is very rare."

Applegate recommended that the city "**Preserve and protect as many lemon gums as possible.**"

On hearing of the Applegate report, city staff hired their own paid arborist, Walt Warriner. Warriner's recommendations are a complete contrast to the professional arborist opinions obtained by BIPA. Safety is of paramount importance to us all so Balboa Island Preservation Association hired yet a third arborist to review Warriner's conclusions. Among other things, the resulting report describes Warriner's evaluation as subjective, contrary to highly credentialed independent consulting arborists, ignoring potential risk reduction strategies and lacking any risk assessment testing to support his claim.

It appears that history is repeating itself. A longtime Island resident informed BIPA that city staff tried the same gambit over twenty years ago – claiming that the Marine Avenue trees were diseased and needed to be immediately replaced. Past city officials put a stop to it then and the Island has enjoyed twenty more years of the charm and environmental benefits of the historic trees.

The city's attack on Marine Avenue's cherished heritage trees threatens not just the natural environment and historical character of Balboa Island, but Island property values as well. Studies show that mature tree lined streets attract buyers, shoppers and tenants, and command premium real estate prices. Conversely, removal of mature trees can reduce property values by up to 10 to 20 percent!

The Balboa Island Preservation Association believes the following immediate actions are required:

1. A moratorium on tree removal, trimming and replacement on Marine Avenue, except in case of immediate hazard to public safety based upon a standard ANSI Level 3 Risk Assessment.
2. Creation of a Marine Avenue Preservation Committee to have meaningful input on behalf of the stakeholders to all decisions regarding landscaping (including tree maintenance and replacement), design, and construction of infrastructure and other "improvements" that could impact the historical character of Marine Ave.
3. Strict compliance with the city's existing tree policy (G-1) which has specific requirements for the treatment, retention and replacement of the Marine Avenue heritage trees, and which has been disregarded by city staff to date.

Marine Avenue is the historic jewel of Newport Beach and attracts worldwide attention, due to its rich history of past movie stars, bohemians and sailors and current movies and television such as The OC and Arrested Development. It is promoted as charming, historical and unique by media outlets, local and international real-estate companies, Trip Advisor and more.

Walking down the tree-shaded sidewalks of Marine Avenue, and grabbing a world-famous Balboa Bar or Frozen Banana, is THE iconic Newport Beach experience. Historic Marine Avenue is THE iconic Newport Beach location. If the city destroys what makes Balboa Island special, it would not just be a problem for the residents and shopkeepers of Balboa Island, but for the restaurateurs, merchants and hoteliers of Newport Beach. In addition, we risk unfavorable national and even international attention as well as reduced property values and adverse economic consequences to the city. How is it that other cities in the entire country can provide infrastructure services to historical areas with a preservation engineering approach, but the city of Newport Beach is incapable or unwilling to do the same?

As another wise iconic figure once said: "One cannot and must not try to erase the past merely because it does not fit the present" — Golda Meir

City Council has scheduled a study session on Tuesday 4 – 6 p.m., in council chambers at City Hall, 100 Civic Center Drive, to discuss the future of the Marine Avenue trees. It is important that all concerned residents, visitors, property owners, business owners, and others who care about the well-being of Marine Ave attend this meeting. If unable to attend, we ask that you email the City Council with your thoughts at [citycouncil@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:citycouncil@newportbeachca.gov)

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Valerie Price

On Sun, Aug 11, 2019, 10:49 PM Valerie Price <[v.price.777.vp@gmail.com](mailto:v.price.777.vp@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear City Council Members,

The removal of the beautiful trees on Marina Avenue would be a huge mistake for ALL the reasons mentioned in the discovery and reports of the plan to do away with the trees vs. keeping them. These historic trees are not diseased, a safety concern or have any other type of negative that they need to be removed. Some people just can't leave things alone. They seem to want change our little town for no reasonable reason!

Do you all walk down Marina Ave? I do and have for many many years, like so many people, we love the trees. So, do the trees have issues? No! Do the right thing and preserve the trees, take care of our history, don't destroy it....geez, what next??? Please keep these trees. My property will be devalued as everyone else's will be. That is shameful....

Thank you for saving the trees.

I am out of town or I would be at the upcoming meeting.

Sincerely,

Ms. Price