



**REGULAR MEETING  
THIRD LAGUNA HILLS MUTUAL LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE\***

**Thursday, June 2, 2022  
Immediately Following Third Mutual Landscape Budget Meeting  
BOARD ROOM/VIRTUAL  
Laguna Woods Village 24351 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA**

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**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Acknowledgment of Media
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of Meeting Report for May 5, 2022
5. Chair Remarks
6. Department Head Update
  - a. Project Log
  - b. Tree Work Status Report
7. Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)
8. Response to Member Comments

### Items for Discussion and Consideration

9. Tree Removal Request: 2369-2B Via Mariposa E. – One Rusty Leaf Fig Tree

10. Tree Removal Request: 5128 Brazo – One Canary Island Pine Tree

### Future Agenda Items

### Concluding Business:

14. Committee Member Comments

15. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday, July 7 at 9:30 a.m.

16. Adjournment

Lynn Jarrett, Chair  
Kurt Wiemann, Staff Officer  
Jayanna Abolmoloki, Landscape Coordinator

\*A quorum of the Third Board, or more, may also be present at the meeting.



**OPEN MEETING**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE THIRD LAGUNA HILLS MUTUAL  
LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, May 5, 2022 – 9:30 A.M.  
BOARD ROOM/VIRTUAL MEETING  
Laguna Woods Village Community Center 24351 El Toro Road**

**REPORT**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair- Lynn Jarrett, Annie McCary, Ralph Engdahl, Ira Lewis, Cush Bhada substituting for Donna Rane-Szostak

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT** Donna Rane-Szostak

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**ADVISORS PRESENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kurt Wiemann, Eve Morton

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Jarrett called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**2. Acknowledgement of Media**

No media was present.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Director McCary made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Engdahl seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

**4. Approval of the March 3, 2022 Report**

Director McCary made a motion to approve the report. Director Engdahl seconded. Director Bhada reminded the committee that he was not at the last meeting so could not vote on this item

Director Lewis requested the spelling of his first name be corrected. He agreed that his middle name, Ira, could be used in the reports now and in the future.

The committee approved the motion to approve the meeting report, with the corrections.

## **5. Committee Chair Remarks**

Chair Jarrett stated that this is the growing season which means the number of complaints about weeds go up. The Village slopes look beautiful although there are bare spots in some places. Landscape will fill in the bare spots. Mission Landscape was working hard on Bahia Blanca. She is proud of the Landscape team for keeping the slopes beautiful. Budget meetings are coming up.

## **6. Department Head Update**

Mr. Wiemann presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the rules the Orange County Fire Authority stated for the area of the Village which is adjacent to the canyon and also some Key Performance Index (KPI) slides.

Mr. Wiemann reminded everyone that the Landscape budget allows for weeding four times a year and, in this season, weeds are growing fast. Slopes are budgeted to be worked on twice a year. Landscaping is limited to the budget.

This year's budget for turf replacement and new plantings in Third Mutual has mostly been expended.

With water restrictions, next step would be a mandatory 30 percent reduction on potable water. This would restrict watering to just twice a week. Gate 14 and Gate 11 do have turf reduction rebates available to them.

All of the landscaping costs are going up due to the high inflation right now.

### **6a. Project Log**

Mr. Wiemann reviewed the Project Log and answered some questions.

### **6b. Tree Work Status Report**

Mr. Wiemann reviewed this report with the committee.

Director Lewis brought some photos he took in the Village for the committee members. One was on turf removal, and discussion ensued on that topic. Other items will be discussed at a future meeting.

## **7. Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)**

Comments included:

- Questions about fire area requirements
- Tree trimming
- Weeds on slope
- Replacing trees which were removed



## **8. Response to Member Comments**

Mr. Wiemann stated he will look into these comments and address each.

### Consent:

None

### Items for Discussion and Consideration

## **9. Tree Removal Request: 3117-C Via Serena S. – One Rusty Leaf Fig Tree**

Director Lewis made a motion to accept staff recommendation and deny this request. Director Engdahl seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

## **10. Tree Removal Request: 3407-A Calle Azul – One Bottlebrush Tree**

Director Lewis made a motion to accept staff recommendation and approve this request. Director Bhada seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

## **11. Landscape Revision Request: 5545-A Rayo Del Sol**

Director Lewis made a motion to accept staff recommendation and approve this request. Director McCary seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

Mr. Wiemann left the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Director Bhada left the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

## **12. Presentation by Village Arborist and Support Landscape Manager - Bob Merget**

Mr. Merget presented a PowerPoint regarding tree inspections and answered some questions.

### Future Agenda Items

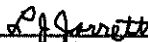
### Concluding Business:

## **13. Committee Member Comments**

Several comments were made.

## **14. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.**

## **15. Adjournment at 11:25 a.m.**

  
Lynn Jarrett (May 10, 2022 10:44 PDT)

Lynn Jarrett, Chair  
Kurt Wiemann, Staff Officer  
Eve Morton, Landscape Coordinator – 268-2565



Third Mutual Landscape Project Log June 2022 2022 Reserve Fund Projects								
Project	Contractor	Description	Status	Estimated Completion	Completion*	Budget	YTD*	Balance
Tree Maintenance	Great Scott Tree Services, Inc.	The annual program, a combination of contracted work and in-house staff, working on a 5 year species-based trim cycle. Contractor performs mainly scheduled annual maintenance and isolated removals. Staff crew focuses on customer service.	Contracted tree crews trimmed 271 trees, removed 11, and planted 0 trees.	Annual Program	13%	\$503,120	\$65,432	\$437,688
	In-House Tree Crew		As of April 30, 2022, the in-house crew trimmed 185 trees, removed 38 trees and planted 0 trees.		34%	\$440,304	\$147,787	\$292,517
Landscape Modernization	Staff	Elimination of highest water using turf areas; replacing with water efficient landscapes.	On-going annual project using in-house crews.	Annual Program	28%	\$162,520	\$46,184	\$116,336
Slope Maintenance Outsourced	Mission Landscape	Annual Maintenance	In progress, on schedule.	Annual Program	16%	\$490,395	\$77,272	\$413,124
Fire Risk Reduction	Mission Landscaping/ Andre Landscape/Staff	Project includes the removal of vegetation with a high risk of fire.	Slope Erosion Scar Evaluation at 3420 Calle Azul out to bid (Disaster Fund). Clear Non-Native Plants from fire areas.	Annual Program	59%	\$180,000	\$107,031	\$72,969

\*Completion based upon invoices received to-date. In-house expenses as of April 30, 2022.



Third Mutual Off Schedule Tree Work						
Date	Manor	Description	Tree Type	Labor Hours	Reason	Decision Level
3/2/2022	5469	Removal	Peppermint	4	in Decline, Deceased	Staff
3/4/2022	5512	Removal	Chitalpa	3	Uprooted, weak root system	Staff
3/7/2022	5185	Removal	maleluca	8	Resident request	Staff
3/7/2022	5185	Clearance	Bottlebrush	2	clearance trim	Staff
3/7/2022	5186	Removal	carrotwood	6	Resident request	staff
3/7/2022	3105	Removal	Catalina Cherry	10	Resident request	Staff
3/7/2022	3131	trim	Carrotwood	4	clearance trim	Staff
3/7/2022	451	Removal	Canary Pine	12	deceased	Staff
3/8/2022	3222	Clearance	carrotwood 2	8	End weight	Staff
3/8/2022	3115	Trim	Brazilian Pepper	18	End weight	Staff
3/9/2022	5564	Clearance	Eucalyptus	3	clearance trim	Staff
3/9/2022	3462	Clearance	California Pepper	2	clearance trim	Staff
3/9/2022	3039	Clearance	Sycamore	2	clearance trim	Staff
3/9/2022	3460	Removal	Willow Tree	9	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
3/9/2022	3489	Hanging branch	Silver Dollar	2	Hanger in canopy	Staff
3/9/2022	3489	Hanging branch	Spotted Gum	2	Hanger in canopy	Staff
3/9/2022	3489	Hanging branch	Eucalyptus	2	Hanger in canopy	Staff
3/9/2022	3422	Hanging branch	Scented Gum	1	Hanger in canopy	Staff
3/9/2022	5563	Trim	Nichol Willow	12	Full Trim	Staff
3/9/2022	3508	Removal	Bronze Loquat	6	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
3/9/2022	3039	Clearance	Sycamore	4	clear from roof	Staff
3/11/2022	5297	Removal	Tangerine tree	2	Resident request	Staff
3/11/2022	5224	Trim	Brazilian Pepper	15	End weight	Staff
3/11/2022	5224	Trim	Carrotwood	15	End weight	Staff
3/14/2022	3508	Removal	Aleppo Pine	8	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
3/14/2022	3515	Removal	Bottlebrush	6	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
3/14/2022	3499	Removal	Victorian 2	6	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
3/14/2022	3508	Trim	Ironbark	3	End weight	Staff
3/14/2022	3419	Trim	carrotwood	4	End weight	Staff
3/14/2022	5120	Trim	Arborvitae	7	End weight	Staff
3/14/2022	5117	Hanging branch	Monterey Pine	2	Hanger in canopy	Staff
3/16/2022	5225	Trim	Loquat	2	End weight	Staff
3/16/2022	5225	Trim	Carrotwood	3	End weight	Staff
3/16/2022	4007	Clearance	Rusty Leaf fig	2	clear from bldg	Staff
3/16/2022	4007	Clearance	Olive tree	2	clear from bldg	Staff
3/16/2022	4007	Clearance	Silver Dollar	1	clear from bldg	Staff
3/16/2022	2233	Trim	Spanish Dagger	3	End weight	Staff
3/16/2022	5475	Hanging branch	Star Pine	3	Hanger in canopy	Staff
3/16/2022	5475	Hanging branch	Rusty Leaf fig	2	Hanger in canopy	Staff
3/17/2022	3311	Removal	Red Flowering	12	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
3/17/2022	3311	Removal	Aleppo Pine	24	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
3/18/2022	2223	Trim	Rusty Leaf fig	12	End weight	Staff
3/30/2022	3332	Trim	Indian Laurel Fig	15	Full Trim	Staff
3/28/2022	3277	Hanging branch	Chinese Elm	2	Hanger in Canopy	staff
3/29/2022	3145	Hanging branch	Shamel Ash	3	Hanger in Canopy	staff
3/30/2022	2362	Removal	Juniper	6	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
3/31/2022	2225	Removal	Brazilian Pepper	16	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
4/1/2022	2374	Removal	Fruit tree	2	Resident request	Staff
4/1/2022	5349	Removal	lemon tree	2	Resident request	staff
4/1/2022	3179	Trim	California Pepper	10	Full Trim	Staff
4/1/2022	5530	Removal	lemon tree (2)	4	Resident request	staff
3/28/2022	3277	Hanging branch	Chinese Elm	2	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
4/4/2022	2403	Trim	Red Ironbark	6	End weight	Staff
4/4/2022	2403	Trim	Chinese Elm	6	End weight	Staff
4/4/2022	2403	Trim	Chinese Elm	6	End weight	Staff
4/4/2022	2403	Trim	Chinese Elm	6	End weight	Staff
4/5/2022	4007	Clearance	Ficus	4	clear of bldg	Staff
4/5/2022	4007	Clearance	honeysuckle vine	2	clear of bldg	Staff
4/5/2022	5459	Removal	Oleander	2	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
4/6/2022	2404	Trim	Ulmus Parvifolia	6	End weight	Staff
4/6/2022	2403	Trim	Gleditsia Triacanthos	3	End weight	Staff

4/13/2022	2358	Removal	Juniperus Chinesis Torulosa	6	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
4/13/2022	2235	Removal	Pittosporum Crassifolium	6	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
4/13/2022	2370	Trim	Schinus Terebinthifolius	4	End weight	Staff
4/14/2022	5328	Trim	Spartan Juniper	6	End weight	Staff
4/14/2022	5369	Trim	Canary Island Pine	5	End weight	Staff
4/14/2022	5369	Trim	Paperbark	5	End weight	Staff
4/14/2022	5369	Trim	Bottlebrush	3	End weight	Staff
4/14/2022	3368	Hanging branch	Silk Oak	2	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
4/14/2022	3367	Hanging branch	Silk Oak	2	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
4/14/2022	5339	Hanging branch	Silk Oak	2	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
4/14/2022	5339	Hanging branch	Silk Oak	2	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
4/14/2022	3414	Hanging branch	Bottlebrush	2	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
4/14/2022	3149	Hanging branch	Fraxinus uhdei	2	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
4/15/2022	5339	Trim	maleluca	5	End weight	Staff
4/15/2022	5339	Removal	Spartan Juniper (3)	12	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
4/18/2022	5381	Trim	Magnolia	5	End weight	Staff
4/19/2022	5597	Hanging branch	Grythina Caffra	2	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
4/19/2022	3108	Hanging branch	Cupaniopsis anacardiodes pine	2	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
4/19/2022	3443	trim	Pinus Pinea	16	End weight	Staff
4/19/2022	3444	trim	Eucalyptus	6	End weight	Staff
4/19/2022	3443	trim	Cinnamon Camphota	3	End weight	Staff
4/19/2022	5340	Clearance	Grevillea Robusta	2	clear of bldg	Staff
4/19/2022	3434	Removal	Spartan Juniper	4	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
4/20/2022	3035	Removal	California Sycamore	12	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
4/20/2022	3069	Hanging branch	Jacaranda	2	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
4/20/2022	2324	Hanging branch	Silk oak	3	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
4/22/2022	3478	Hanging branch	Silver Dollar	2	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
4/22/2022	2351	Clearance	Star Pine (2)	2	clear of bldg	Staff
4/22/2022	2351	Clearance	Chinese Elm (2)	2	clear of bldg	Staff
4/22/2022	2344	Removal	Eriobestrya Japonica	3	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
4/22/2022	2290	trim	carrotwood	8	End weight	Staff
4/22/2022	5377	trim	Afrocarpus Graciliar	6	End weight	Staff
4/22/2022	2351	Removal	Lemon tree (2)	4	Resident request	Staff
4/25/2022	3145	Hanging branch	Shamel Ash	6	Hanger in canopy	Staff
4/25/2022	3337	trim	Silk Oak	18	End weight	Staff
4/26/2022	3302	trim	Chinese Elm	18	End weight	Staff
4/28/2022	3159	Hanging branch	Grevillea Robusta	2	Hanger in canopy	Staff
4/28/2022	3330	Removal	maleluca	12	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
4/29/2022	2193	Clearance	Bauhinia Variagate	2	clear of bldg	Staff
4/29/2022	2193	Removal	Ficus	2	clear of bldg	Staff
4/29/2022	2196	Clearance	Brazilian Pepper	2	clear of bldg	Staff
4/29/2022	2193	Clearance	Torulosa	1	clear of bldg	Staff
4/29/2022	2193	Clearance	Torulosa	1	clear of bldg	Staff
4/29/2022	2193	Clearance	Torulosa	1	clear of bldg	Staff
4/29/2022	2193	Clearance	Torulosa	1	clear of bldg	Staff
5/2/2022	3028	Trim	Liquid Amber	4	End weight	Staff
5/2/2022	5491	Removal	Cinnamon Camphota	3	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
5/2/2022	3098	Trim	New Zealand	4	End weight	Staff
5/2/2022	3100	Clearance	Shamel Ash	2	clear of bldg	Staff
5/2/2022	3479	Clearance	Camphor	2	clear of bldg	Staff
5/2/2022	3478	Clearance	Carrotwood	2	clear of bldg	Staff
5/2/2022	3478	Clearance	Ficus Nitida	2	clear of bldg	Staff
5/2/2022	3431	Clearance	Cejera Parviflora	2	clear of bldg	Staff
5/2/2022	3429	Clearance	Cejera Parviflora	2	clear of bldg	Staff
5/2/2022	5557	Clearance	Pinus Radiata	2	clear of bldg	Staff
5/3/2022	2333	Removal	Ligustrum	6	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
5/3/2022	2333	Removal	Ligustrum	6	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
5/3/2022	2333	Removal	Ligustrum	6	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
5/3/2022	2123	Trim	Dracaene	6	End weight	Staff
5/3/2022	2103	Hanging branch	Carrot Wood	2	End weight	Staff
5/4/2022	3456	Hanging branch	Red Flowering Gum	1	Crushed Branches	Staff
5/4/2022	5163	Removal	Lemon Tree	2	Resale	Staff

5/4/2022	5163	Removal	Lemon Tree	2	Resale	Staff
5/4/2022	5182	Removal	Lemon Tree	2	Resale	Staff
5/4/2022	5181	Removal	Lemon Tree	2	Resale	Staff
5/4/2022	3018	Removal	Liquid Amber	7	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
5/5/2022	2233	Trim	Brazilian Pepper	7	End weight	Staff
5/5/2022	2394	Trim	Ginko	10	End weight	Staff
5/5/2022	2394	Trim	redbud	5	End weight	Staff
5/5/2022	2394	Trim	Ginko	3	End weight	Staff
5/5/2022	2306	Removal	Catalina Cherry	2	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
5/5/2022	2394	Trim	Ginko	2	End weight	Staff
5/9/2022	3157	Trim	3 Silver Dollar	16	End weight	Staff
5/9/2022	5598	Hanging branch	Pinus Halpensis	2	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
5/9/2022	5596	Removal	Queen Palm	2	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
5/9/2022	3399	Removal	Red Flowering Gum	2	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
5/9/2022	5598	Removal	Ficus Benjamina	2	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
5/10/2022	3371	Trim	3 Silver Dollar	20	End weight	Staff
5/10/2022	3374	Trim	Silver Dollar	8	End weight	Staff
5/11/2022	3371	Trim	2 Silver Dollar	16	End weight	Staff
5/11/2022	3374	Trim	Silver Dollar	8	End weight	Staff
5/11/2022	3375	Hanging branch	Silver Dollar	1	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
5/11/2022	3371	Trim	2 Turolosa	3	End weight	Staff
5/12/2022	3378	Hanging branch	3 Carrotwood	1	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
5/12/2022	5310	Removal	Araucaria Columnaris	16	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
5/12/2022	3274	Removal	Acacia Baileyana	2	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
5/13/2022	3473	Trim	Bottlebrush	2	End weight	Staff
5/13/2022	3473	Trim	Bottlebrush	2	End weight	Staff
5/13/2022	3473	Trim	Bottlebrush	2	End weight	Staff
5/13/2022	3473	Trim	Bottlebrush	2	End weight	Staff
5/13/2022	5075	Trim	Torulosa	3	End weight	Staff
5/13/2022	3473	Removal	maleluca	4	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
5/13/2022	5336	Removal	Stone Fruit	2	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
5/13/2022	5336	Removal	Stone Fruit	2	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
5/13/2022	3215	Clearance	Brazilian Pepper	2	clearance trim	Staff
5/13/2022	3215	Clearance	Brazilian Pepper	2	clearance trim	Staff
5/16/2022	3429	Hanging branch	Grevillea Robusta	2	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
5/16/2022	2301	Trim	Ficus	18	End weight	Staff
5/16/2022	2301	Trim	Spasnish Dagge	2	End weight	Staff
5/16/2022	2301	Trim	King palms	2	End weight	Staff
5/17/2022	2301	Trim	Italian Cypress	2	End weight	Staff
5/17/2022	2301	Trim	Ficus	18	End weight	Staff
5/17/2022	2301	Trim	1 King palm 1 queen palm	3	End weight	Staff
5/17/2022	2234	Removal	Juniperus	7	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
5/17/2022	2405	Trim	Rubber tree and Aleppo pine	5	End weight	Staff
5/18/2022	2398	Trim	8 ginko biloba	24	End weight	Staff
5/19/2022	C2229	Trim	spartan juniper	16	End weight	Staff
5/19/2022	C2231	Trim	spartan juniper	9	End weight	Staff
5/19/2022	L249	Trim	Norfolk Island Pine	6	End weight	Staff
5/19/2022	L220	Removal	2 Turolosa	3	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
5/20/2022	2378	Clearance	3 carolina Cherry	3	clearance trim	Staff
5/20/2022	L229	Removal	big hedge	6	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
5/20/2022	2168	Removal	2 Gold Medallion	4	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
5/20/2022	5383	Clearance	New Zealand	2	clearance trim	Staff







## STAFF REPORT

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**DATE:** June 2, 2022  
**FOR:** Landscape Committee  
**SUBJECT:** Tree Removal Request: 2369-2B Via Mariposa E. – One Rusty Leaf Fig Tree

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Deny the request for the removal of one Rusty Leaf Fig located at 2369-2B Via Mariposa E.

### **BACKGROUND**

The resident at 2369-2B purchased the manor in December 2012, and is requesting the removal of one Rusty Leaf Fig tree, *Ficus, rubiginosa*, located at the rear of the manor in the turf area. The reasons cited for the removal are potential structural damage, overgrown, and the tree is causing the manor to be too dark. There are no additional signatures on the Mutual Request Form, however, staff contacted the resident at 1B and they have no objection to the removal or trimming of the tree. The resident at 3B was unavailable for comment (Attachment 1).

The tree was last pruned in June of 2020. Future trimming is tentatively scheduled for fiscal year 2022. The height of the tree is approximately 60 feet with a trunk diameter of approximately 40 inches. The tree is growing in the turf area approximately ten feet from the resident's manor and approximately five feet from the common area sidewalk (Attachment 2).

### **DISCUSSION**

At the time of inspection, the tree was found to be in good condition with a favorable trunk flare, no decay, no pest activity, or damage to the trunk. There are a large amount of surface roots associated with the tree, which is typical with this species.

There is some evidence of lifting of the concrete pad for the path light, but no noticeable damage to the common area sidewalk.

The tree does have a very full, unbalanced canopy. The tree had been crown reduced in the past and can be trimmed down to the level of the previous cuts. Repeating the past crown reduction would be removing approximately 35% of the tree's current canopy, which based upon the health and condition of the tree, would not affect the health of the tree.

During the last trim cycle, the tree was not crown reduced, but was more of a clearance trim from the manors. After this year's crown reduction and thinning, moving forward the tree will be maintained at the reduced height.

### **FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

The cost to remove the tree would be approximately \$3,160. The cost to trim the tree, including a crown reduction and thinning, would be approximately \$900, and the estimated value of the tree is \$9,830 based on the tree inventory data.

**Prepared By:** Bob Merget, Landscape Manager  
**Reviewed By:** Kurt Wiemann, Director of Landscape Services

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

**Attachment 1:** Mutual Landscape Request Form  
**Attachment 2:** Photographs

**MUTUAL LANDSCAPE REQUEST FORM****PLEASE NOTE: THIS FORM IS NOT INTENDED FOR ROUTINE MAINTENANCE REQUESTS**

For all non-routine requests, please fill out this form. Per the policy of your Mutual, if your request falls outside the scope of the managing agent's authority, it will be forwarded to the Mutual's Landscape Committee for review. If you are unsure whether your request falls into this category, first contact Resident Services at 597-4600 in order to make that determination.

**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED REQUEST FORM TO RESIDENT SERVICES.****Resident/Owner Information**

You must be an owner to request non-routine Landscape requests.

2369 VIA MARIPOSA EAST  
Address UNIT NO. 2B

April 28, 2022  
Today's Date

GAN MUKHOPADHYAY  
Resident's Name

949-228-8522  
Telephone Number

**Non-Routine Request**

Please checkmark the item that best describes your request. If none apply, please checkmark "Other" and explain.

☒ Tree Removal☐ New Landscape☒ Off-Schedule Trimming

☐ Other (explain): The tree behind our condo has grown too big, too much  
towering against the building; making our condo too dark.

Remove the tree or trim the tree to half the size, in girth and crown height.

**Reason for Request**

Please checkmark the item(s) that best explain the reason for your request.

☒ Possible Structural Damage ☐ Sewer Damage ☒ Overgrown ☐ Poor Condition

☐ Litter/Debris ☐ Personal Preference

☐ Other (explain): The tree has become too big, towering against close to

**GUIDELINES:** the building, and making our condo very dark.

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Six Pictures Enclosed.

### Description & Location of Request

Please briefly describe the situation and the exact location of the subject of the request (e.g., "roots of pine tree in front of manor XYZ are lifting the sidewalk"). Attach pictures as necessary.

The towering, over-grown tree is ~~some~~/grown out to be too close to our balcony and living room, making our condo very dark. We like trees, but for safety and lack of daylight, we do not mind if the tree is removed. ~~Trim~~ Trim

### Signatures of All Neighbors Affected By This Request

Because your request may affect one or more of your neighbors, it is imperative that you obtain their signatures, manor numbers, and whether they are for, undecided, or against this request.

The tree to its half the size

Signature	Manor #	For	Undecided	Against

(Please attach a separate sheet if more signatures are necessary.)

### Acknowledgement - Owner

By signing, you are acknowledging this request.

  
Owner's Signature

GAN MUKHOPADHYAY  
Owner's Name

### OFFICE USE ONLY

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Pic 1 of 6

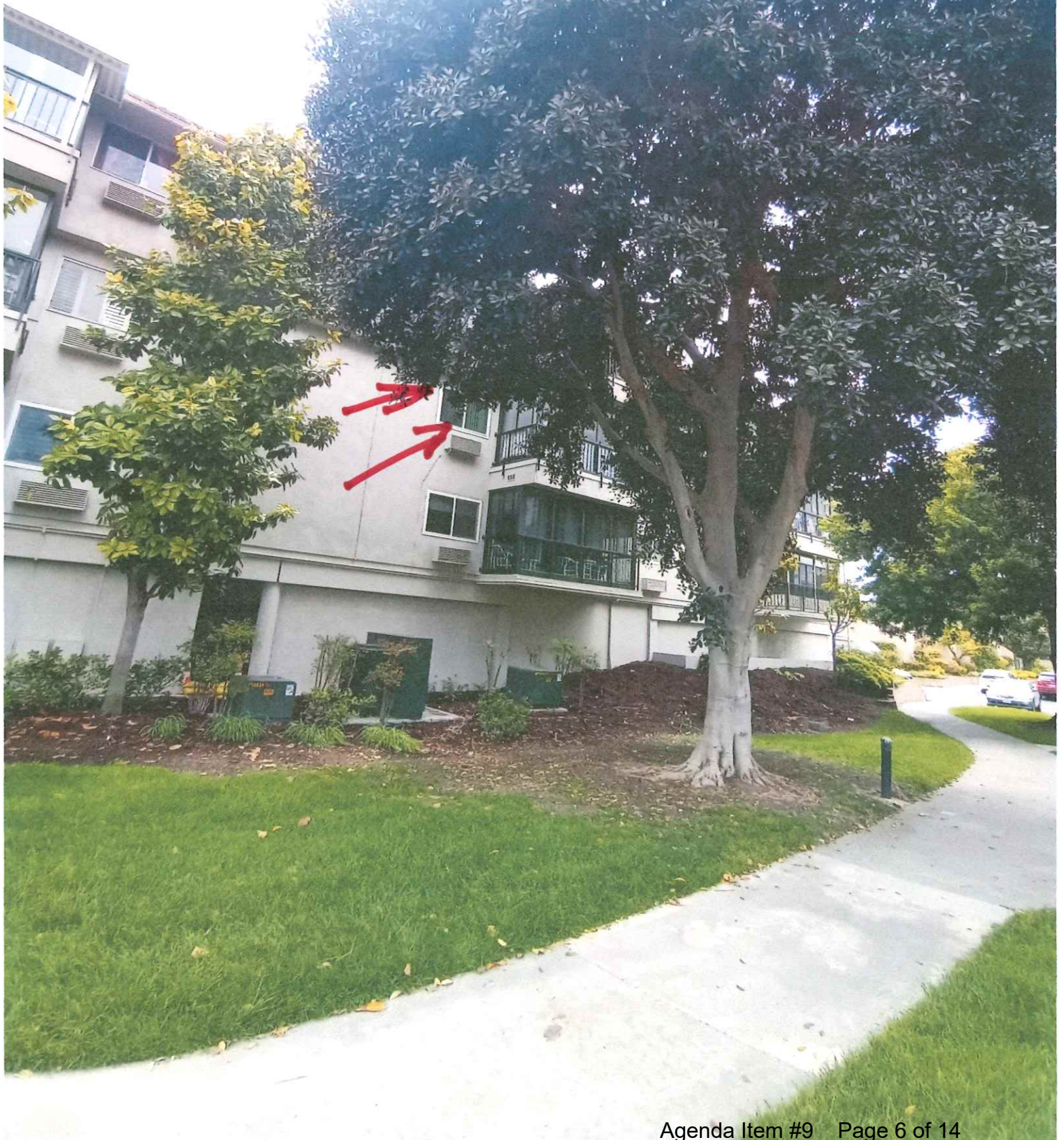
@ 3-00 PM.  
4/28/2022





Pic 2 of 6  
Picture taken @ 3:00 PM  
on 4/28/2022

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View Surrounding our Balcony



Pic 3 of 6

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Photo Taken @ 3-30 PM. on 4/28/2022 See live tree thru live Living Room Window

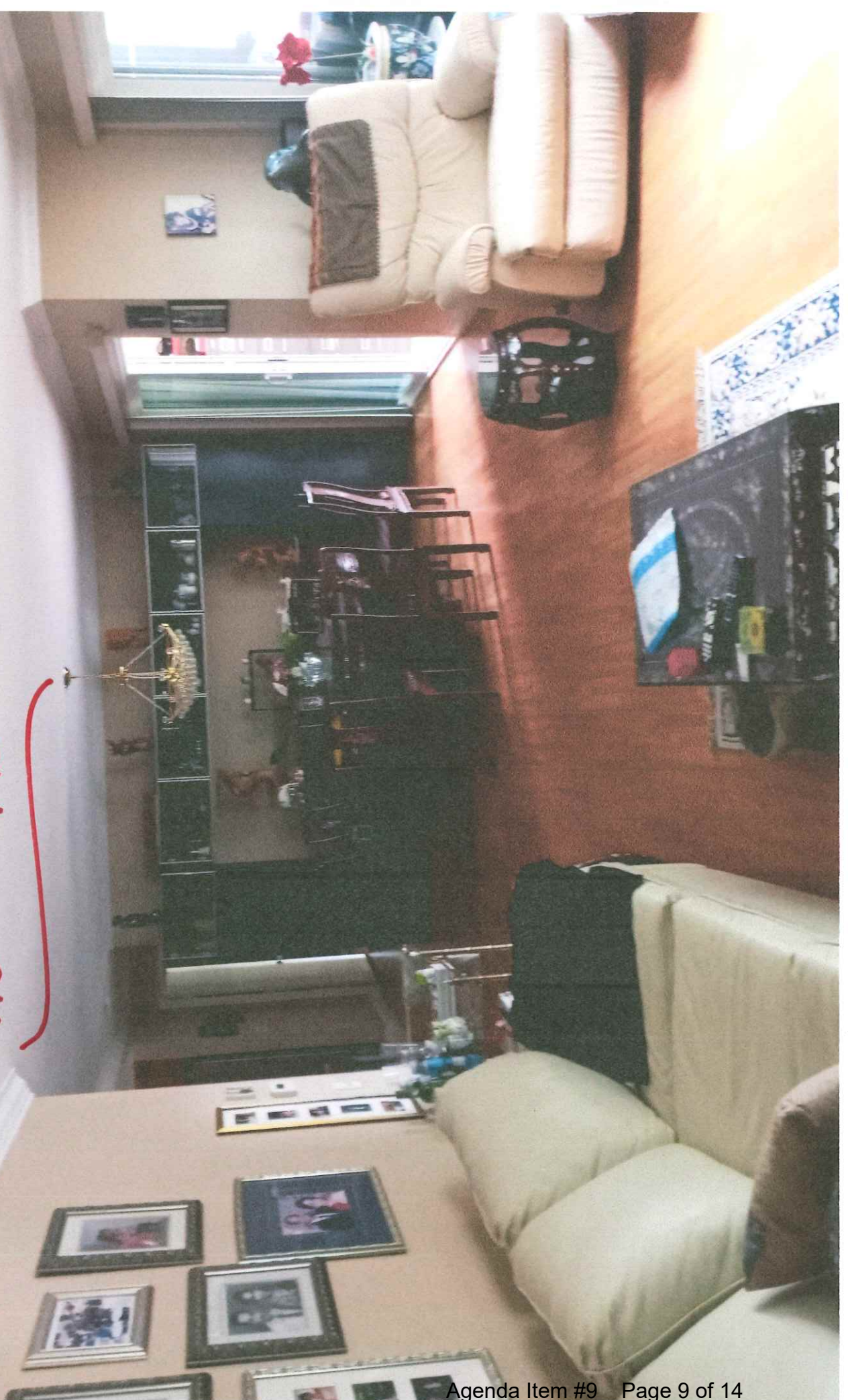


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Living Area Dining Photo Taken at 2-30 pm.  
on April 28, 2022 SPM

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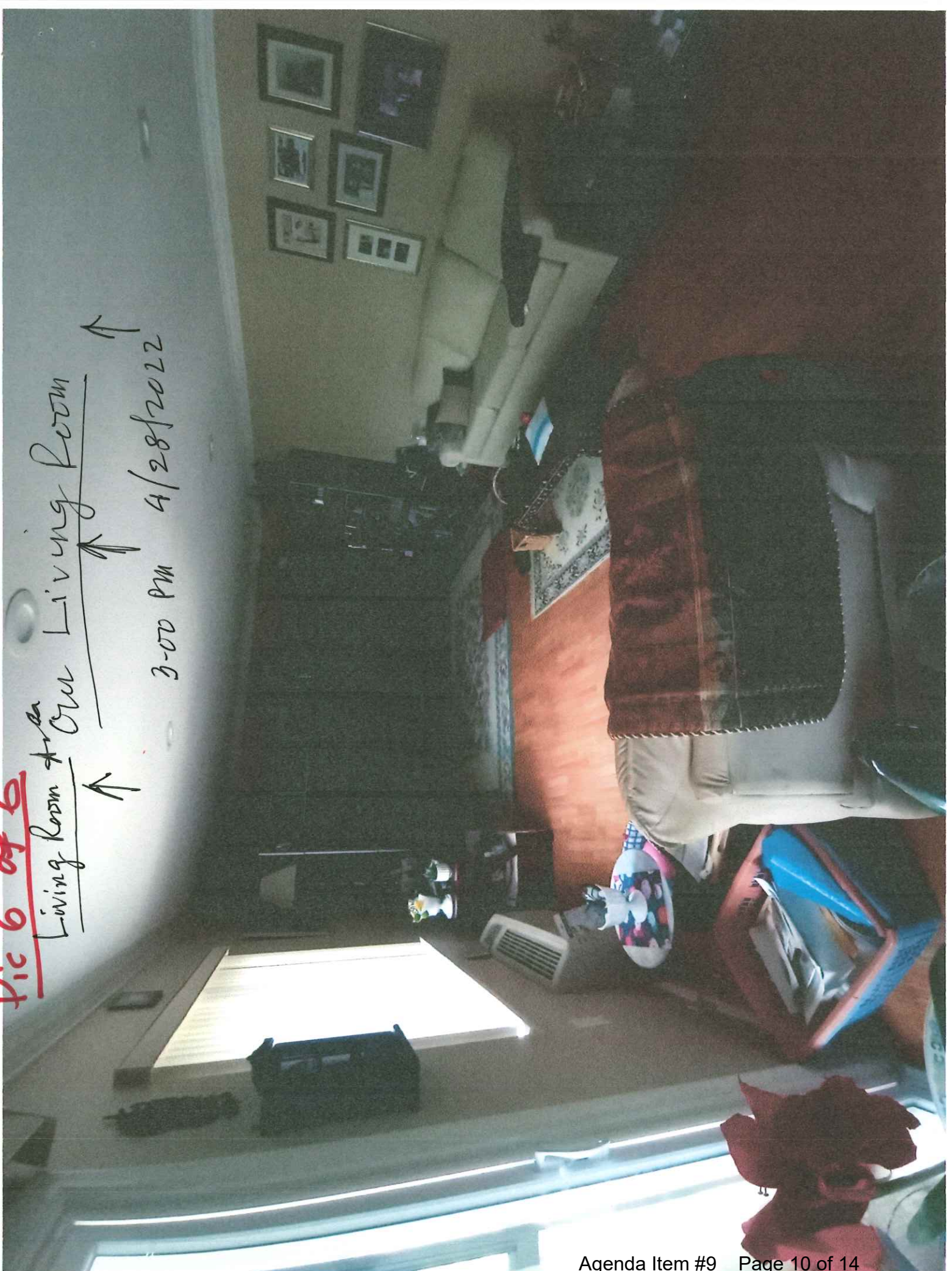


Pic 6 of 6

Living Room from Our Living Room

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3:00 PM 4/28/2022





ATTACHMENT 2



















## STAFF REPORT

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**DATE:** June 2, 2022  
**FOR:** Landscape Committee  
**SUBJECT:** Tree Removal Request: 5128 Brazo – One Canary Island Pine Tree

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Deny the request for the removal of one Canary Island Pine located at 5128 Brazo.

### **BACKGROUND**

The resident purchased the manor in April 2001, and is requesting the removal of one Canary Island Pine tree, *Pinus, canariensis*, located at the side of the manor in the shrub bed area. The reasons cited for the removal are litter/debris, too close to the manor, and the threat of a potential fire due to all of the needle drops. There are no additional signatures on the Mutual Request Form (Attachment 1).

The tree was last pruned in June of 2019. Future trimming is tentatively scheduled for fiscal year 2023. The height of the tree is approximately 58 feet with a trunk diameter of approximately 23 inches. The tree is growing in the shrub bed area approximately seven feet from the resident's manor and approximately six feet from the common area street (Attachment 2).

### **DISCUSSION**

At the time of inspection, the tree was found to be in good condition with a favorable trunk flare with no surface roots, no decay, no pest activity, or damage to the trunk.

The tree canopy does have an overhang over the roof of the manor by approximately 6 feet by 40 feet. At the time of the inspection, there was an accumulation of pine needles on the roof.

An Orange County Fire Authority Inspector accompanied staff on the inspection of the tree and determined that it is not a fire hazard. A tree is not a fire hazard unless; there were dead or decayed branches hanging over the roof, the tree was in poor condition, the canopy was filled with dead or dying needles, or the tree limbs were within ten feet of a fireplace.

None of these conditions were present at the time of inspection. Therefore, staff recommends denial of the request for removal and will schedule a trimming in fiscal year 2023.

### **FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

The cost to remove the tree would be approximately \$1,870. The cost to trim the tree would be approximately \$156, and the estimated value of the tree is \$9,110 based on the tree inventory data.

**Prepared By:** Bob Merget, Landscape Manager  
**Reviewed By:** Kurt Wiemann, Director of Landscape Services

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

**Attachment 1:** Mutual Landscape Request Form  
**Attachment 2:** Photographs





Laguna Woods Village

**MUTUAL LANDSCAPE REQUEST FORM****PLEASE NOTE: THIS FORM IS NOT INTENDED FOR ROUTINE MAINTENANCE REQUESTS**

For all non-routine requests, please fill out this form. Per the policy of your Mutual, if your request falls outside the scope of the managing agent's authority, it will be forwarded to the Mutual's Landscape Committee for review. If you are unsure whether your request falls into this category, first contact Resident Services at 597-4600 in order to make that determination.

**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED REQUEST FORM TO RESIDENT SERVICES.****Resident/Owner Information**

You must be an owner to request non-routine Landscape requests.

5128 Bridge  
Address

5-21-2022  
Today's Date

Roy & Charlotte Groz  
Resident's Name

1-949-581-8884  
Telephone Number

**Non-Routine Request**

Please checkmark the item that best describes your request. If none apply, please checkmark "Other" and explain.

☒ Tree Removal☐ New Landscape☐ Off-Schedule Trimming☐ Other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_**Reason for Request**

Please checkmark the item(s) that best explain the reason for your request.

☐ Structural Damage ☐ Sewer Damage ☐ Overgrown ☐ Poor Condition☒ Litter/Debris ☐ Personal Preference☒ Other (explain): Please see attached**GUIDELINES:**

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The pine tree next to our house drops pine needles all year. We can no longer pick them up - they are a fire hazard - it is a very messy tree requiring daily cleanup. We are unable to keep up with the mess. I, Chae, N. H., am allergic to the yellow pollen all over everything. It requires a lot of water to remove it.

### Signatures of All Neighbors Affected By This Request

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Signature	Manor #	For	Undecided	Against
We are at the end of the cul-de-sac so the tree only affects us. Unless there is a fire and the embers would fly to the entire neighborhood as witnessed in the recent Aliso Viejo Laguna Niguel fire. We feel it is in everyone's best interest & safety to remove the tree.				

(Please attach a separate sheet if more signatures are necessary.)

### Acknowledgement - Owner

By signing, you are acknowledging this request.

Raymond C. Jones  
Owner's Signature

Chae N. H.  
Owner's Name

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## Fire threatens a home in three ways

### Embers

These bits of burning material can move up to a mile ahead of a wildfire in windy conditions. To resist them, a residence should have a sound roof and no flammable material within 5 feet of its exterior. In the Coastal fire, embers carried by 30 mph winds ignited homes that were destroyed.

### Radiant heat

A nearby fire can heat the surface of building materials to a point where combustion occurs.

### Flame Impingement

Transfer of heat by direct flame exposure.

### Home safety checklist

- Clean roofs and gutters of dead leaves, debris and pine needles that embers could set afire.
- Replace or repair loose or missing shingles or roof tiles to prevent ember penetration.
- Enclose under-eave and soffit vents or screen with metal mesh to block embers. Most homes are built using 1/4-inch mesh screens, which prevent birds and rodents from entering through vent openings. Unfortunately, embers can penetrate this mesh. Smaller, 1/16-inch mesh screens can easily become plugged with dust, paint or dead plants, impeding vents' ability to reduce moisture and temperature in the structure. Covering vents with 1/8-inch, noncombustible, corrosion-resistant metal mesh screens offers the best wildfire protection while allowing vents to function.
- Repair or replace damaged or loose window screens and any broken windows.
- Screen or box in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating.

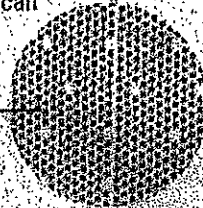
- Move flammable material away from wall exteriors.

- Remove anything stored underneath decks or porches.

### Armoring against fire

- Use fire-resistant building materials.
- The roof and exterior of your home should be constructed of noncombustible or fire-resistant materials such as tile, slate, sheet iron, aluminum, brick or stone.
- Treat wood siding, cedar shakes, exterior wood paneling and other highly combustible materials with fire-retardant chemicals.

Bob  
Margot  
took  
pictures  
of the  
Large amount  
of Pine Needles  
and leaves



Sources: California Public Utilities Commission, Satellite Images from Google Earth, Cleveland National Forest, InoWeb, ArcGIS, U.S. Forest Service



ATTACHMENT 2













