

**City Council Action Request**

<b>Department:</b> Transportation	<b>CEQA: Not a Project,</b> PP10-068(b)	<b>Coordination:</b> Budget Office and CAO	<b>CMO Approval:</b> 
			<b>Dept. Approval:</b> /s/ Hans F. Larsen 8/5/11

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Adopt a resolution to update the Heritage Tree List in San José pursuant to Chapter 13.28 of the San José Municipal Code.

**BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

The Street Tree Ordinance provides that the Council may adopt a resolution designating certain trees located in the City of San José as Heritage Trees. The resolution sets forth the Heritage Tree List that identifies trees that have special significance to the community because of their size, history, unusual species, or unique quality. This list of significant trees needs to be updated from time to time to add or delete certain trees. For example some Heritage Trees may no longer exist because of health or structural concerns since the list was last adopted. The list was last updated by the Council in 2004 (Resolution No. 72274). The City Arborist's Office works in association with the respective property owners to protect the health and structure of the Heritage Trees, which are considered some of the finest examples of their respective species in the City.

The trees nominated for addition to the Heritage Tree List at this time are:

- HT-01-001 1133 Welch Avenue - 55" Coast Live Oak – *Quercus agrifolia*
- HT-03-022 443 N. 17<sup>th</sup> Street - 32" Valley Oak – *Quercus lobata*
- HT-06-036 1377 Shasta Avenue – 29" Southern Magnolia – *Magnolia grandiflora*
- HT-08-008 2442 Ruby Avenue - 48" Valley Oak – *Quercus lobata*
- HG-10-002 Jeffery Fontana Park - Ten multi-stemmed clusters of Coast Live Oaks
- HT-10-015 1273 Chateau Drive - 54" Coast Live Oak – *Quercus agrifolia*

The trees listed above have been inspected by the City Arborist, who supports their nomination because of their stature as fine representative examples of their species and are notable trees in their respective neighborhoods.

The trees to be deleted from the Heritage Tree List at this time are:

- HT-03-002 405 N 4<sup>th</sup> Street - 48" California Bay Tree – *Umbellularia californica*
- HT-03-015 St. James Park - 54" American Elm – *Ulmus americana*
- HT-04-001 890 Cape Verde Dr. - 50" Coast Live Oak – *Quercus agrifolia*
- HT-04-007 3336 Tronson Court - 48" Coast Live Oak – *Quercus agrifolia*
- HT-04-008 2577 Fallingtree Dr. - 36" Olive – *Olea europaea*

The trees to be removed from the list above were inspected by the City Arborist and were removed due to death or decay since the last update of the list in 2004.

**COST AND FUNDING SOURCE:**

Not applicable

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