

July 10, 2024

TO: Amy Wolfson, City Planner
City of Grass Valley
Community Development Dept.
125 east Main St.
Grass Valley, CA 95945

FROM: James Bair
Property Owner [537 Eskaton Circle] and Manager
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SUBJECT: Appeal of the Tree Removal Permit #25-15, 117 Teal Lane, Eskaton Village, by Frank Pray, AND the Tree Removal Permit #24-18, 134 Sparrow Circle, Eskaton Village, **which was not appealed.**

As a property owner in the vicinity of both tree removals, and a businessman with real-estate holdings in Grass Valley, and extensive experience with the Management of Eskaton Village, I oppose both tree removals and support Mr. Pray's appeal of the permit scheduled July 16, to be heard by the City's Planning Commission.

This permit should not be granted. I have personally reviewed site and have found **insufficient** cause for tree removal. To wit, the presence of ants is insufficient; there is no visible structural deficiency. Further, I assert that removing these trees will lower property values and remove important cooling value of these mature oaks.

Unfortunately, I cannot attend the Public Hearing due to an out-of-town business trip. I ask if you would please present my position to the Commission. I trust the letter will be entered into the public record regardless.

Thank you for sending me the notice.

/s/

James Bair

Former Planning Commissioner, City of Grass Valley