

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
and for Special Districts, Agencies and Authorities Governed by the Board

Adopted this Resolution on 02/02/2021 by the following vote:

AYE:
NO:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:
RECUSE:



Resolution No. 2021/30

IN THE MATTER OF designation of one Valley Oak tree, measuring approximately 55-inched in diameter (175 inches in circumference), located on the property identified as 2031 Doris Avenur in the Walnut Creek area, as a Heritage Tree pursuant to the Heritage Tree Preservation Ordinance (Chapter 816-4)

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2018, Craig Frieders (Applicant) filed an application with the Department of Conservation and Development, County File #HT18-0001, to nominate one valley oak tree within the unincorporated area of Walnut Creek for Heritage tree status pursuant to the Heritage Tree Preservation District (Chapter 816-4); WHEREAS, for purposes of compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), staff determined that the proposed action is Categorically Exempt under Government Code Section 15308 insofar as CEQA exempts projects taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by local ordinance, to assure the maintenance of natural resources; WHEREAS, after notice was issued as required by law, Wednesday, April 24, 2019, a hearing was scheduled before the County Planning Commission, at which time all interested were afforded the opportunity to testify before the Commission; the Commission, having fully considered all written and oral testimony on this matter, recommended to the Board of Supervisors the nomination of the subject trees as heritage trees; WHEREAS, after notice was issued as required by law, on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, a hearing on the recommendation of the County Planning Commission was scheduled before the Board of Supervisors, at which time all interested were afforded the opportunity to testify; and at which time the Board voted to direct staff to prepare a resolution for Board consideration;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors resolves as follows:

1. The Board of Supervisors makes the following Heritage Tree finding:
 - A. The valley oak tree nominated for designation meets the size criteria for designation as heritage trees, as is required under Section 816-4.402 (Heritage Tree Definition) of the County Ordinance. The subject Valley Oak tree measures approximately 55-inched in diameter (175 inches in circumference) as measured 4 1/2 feet from grade, where the minimum is 72 inches in circumference. In addition to its significant size and aesthetic benefits, the nominated tree is a major component of the project site's history dating back to at least 1939, and it should be preserved to maintain property values. Therefore, the nominated tree meets the requirements of Chapter 816-4 of the Ordinance Code to be designated a heritage tree.
2. Further, pursuant to Ordinance Code Section 816-4.404(e), the property owner is requested to appropriately mark the designated trees so as to provide continuing notice to the public of the Heritage tree status.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

Contact: Daniel Barrios, (925) 877-8199

ATTESTED: February 2, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: , Deputy

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