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Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 1:36 PM
To: Andrew Crabtree; Manager; Mayor and Council
Cc: Carrie Jackson; JinUk Shin; Judy Murray; JANICE STROEBE
Subject: Time Sensitive: Please reconsider Item4.U (21-1680)
Attachments: CDV map.pdf

Categories: Green Category, Red Category

Dear City of Santa Government Officials.

I am writing on behalf of the Casa del Valle Homeowners Association. We are 81 units in Santa Clara.

Your ordinance, as it refers to tree replacement for multiple family developments, is well-intended but **mathematically challenging**.

Over the past 10 years, many of our trees have had to be removed, primarily because the incorrect type of tree was originally allowed to be planted in our complex.

- Trees which grew much too large for the space between driveways andl caused significant driveway damage, resulting in costly driveway replacements.
- Trees that our arborist stated never should have been planted because their original habitat was along riverbeds.

In every case at CDV, **when we have removed a tree, it has been replaced by another tree. We have no problem with 1:1 replacement.**

However, this ordinance requires **2 trees for every tree** removed!

We simply do not have the space to do that!

And please consider the fact that if 2 trees are planted and one dies, there are 2 more trees that have to be planted!! This is a mathematical problem of exponential proportions!

I invite you to drive by the complex at the corner of Lillick and Halford. I have attached a map so that you can see the density of homes and lack of space for planting additional trees.

Please pull this item from the consent calendar. Please, please, reconsider the 2:1 replacement ordinance. It is something that will not only be costly, but eventually impossible to implement. **Please do not pass an ordinance knowing that your residents will find it impossible to comply.**

Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

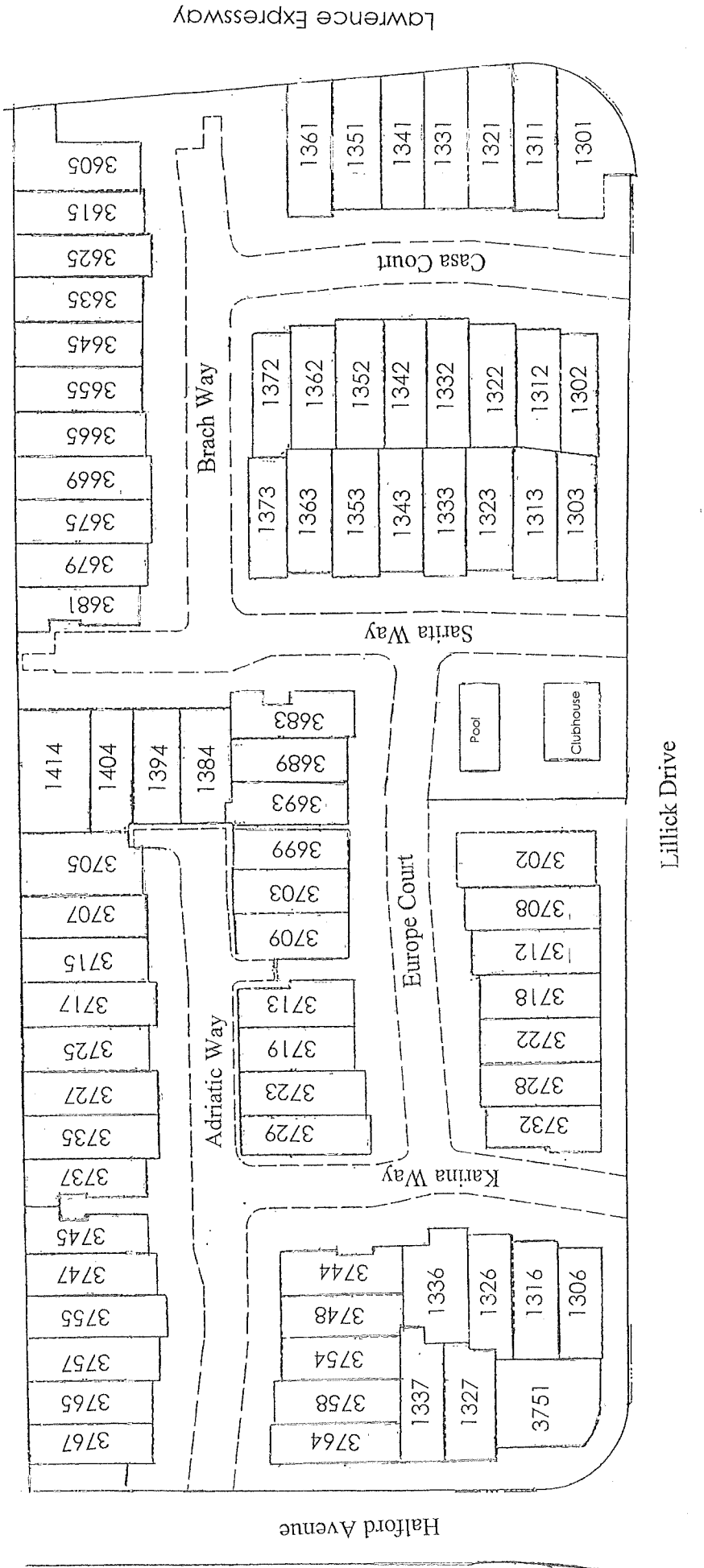
Respectfully and Sincerely,

Judy Crates

Casa del Valle HOA Board Chair

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Casa Del Valle



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From: JinUk Shin <jinukshin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 9:49 PM
To: Andrew Crabtree; Manager; Mayor and Council
Subject: Time Sensitive: Please reconsider Item4.U (21-1680)

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Hello City of Santa Clara Government Officials:

I am writing on behalf of the residents of the Casa Del Valle residents in Santa Clara; we are 81 units in Santa Clara.

While I both understand and agree with the environmental reasons for the tree replacement policy for multiple family developments, I foresee some issues for multi-family developments in the area, particularly for those that were not originally designed with environmental concerns in mind (>30 year old developments).

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In every case at CDV, **when we have removed a tree, it has been replaced by another tree. We have no problem with 1:1 replacement and would be more than happy to plant the appropriate and native tree for the area.**

However, this ordinance requires **2 trees for every tree** removed. You can imagine a situation where this becomes unsustainable as more of our older trees die due to either climate change issues or lack of a natural habitat they are suited for. At some point, our lot will either be bare of trees (because we simply won't have the space to plant so many trees) or our association will be penalized despite the good intent of the law.

If possible, please consider adding an addendum to the 2:1 replacement ordinance. As mentioned, older associations with climate/habitat inappropriate trees will not have much of an option for replacing their trees due to space limitations.

Respectfully,

JinUk Shin
Concerned Citizen

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