

**Delphine Damon**

February 26, 2025

To the The Town Of Atherton

Dear Town of Atherton,

I am writing to support our Heritage Tree Removal Permit application to the Planning Commission regarding the removal of certain heritage trees from our property. As stewards of this beautiful piece of land, we have carefully considered our request and believe it aligns with our commitment and the town's commitment to preserving the natural beauty of Atherton and the special properties at 170/154 Atherton Avenue.

One of the primary reasons we purchased these properties was their stunning natural beauty, particularly its magnificent trees. Our main objective is to maintain as much open space and heritage trees as possible and preserve the existing tree canopy. We assure you that our intention is not to alter the fundamental character of the property but to act as responsible caretakers.

The 2 properties are home to 63 magnificent heritage Coast Live Oaks which has presented a great challenge to our Architectural and Landscaping team. Our team working with the Owners have meticulously crafted the plans we have submitted to have the least possible impact on the existing heritage trees. Unfortunately to be able to build the owners dream home we are requesting the removal of 5 heritage Coast Live Oaks #3, #17, #19, #23, #93 (3 in the buildable envelope and 2 in the set back). 4 of these trees are described in the Arborist report as being in poor condition.

To compensate for this loss, we plan to plant very large trees , effectively replacing and enhancing the previous canopy and natural screening.

We firmly believe that the removal of these few trees will be more than offset by our extensive planting plans and the large area of open space we are preserving through our thoughtful building

placement. Our goal is to enhance the overall tree canopy and ecological value of the property and the town in the long term.

We respectfully request your support for our tree removal application. We assure you that these decisions have not been made lightly and are part of a larger vision to be exemplary stewards of this beautiful Atherton property. Our commitment to preserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the land remains unwavering.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to discussing this matter further at the Public Hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Delphine Sloan Damon".

Delphine Sloan Damon  
Owner's Representative