

## Radha Hayagreev

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**From:** Planning Commision  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023 3:27 PM  
**To:** Planning Commision  
**Subject:** FW: 140 Atherton Ave - Public Comment

Good afternoon, Commissioners,

Please find below another late correspondence regarding 140 Atherton Ave. TPZ exception.

Regards,  
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[REDACTED]  
Subject: 140 Atherton Ave

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Atherton City Manager

My wife Mimi and I have met with Mrs Joey Gu at her residence and discussed plans that she and her husband, Lee An, have for building an extension on their existing house. We also reviewed the requirements distancing the new building from a heritage tree on their property.

We have no problems with their planned new building as outlined on their diagrams and feel that 6x distance from the heritage tree is adequate for the safety of the tree.

George L Paris M.D.

Mimi Paris;



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Please find public comment for [REDACTED]

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Best regards,  
Ping Li Fong

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Radha Hayagreev  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023 9:16 AM  
**To:** Planning Commision  
**Cc:** Sung Kwon  
**Subject:** Public comment Re: 140 Atherton Ave.

Good morning Commissioners,

Please see below a Public Comment Regarding the TPZ exception at 140 Atherton Ave. for your refernce.

The item is listed in tonight's agenda as Item 4c - <https://atherton.primegov.com/portal/item?id=451>

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**Subject:** Fwd: draft

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Dear Atherton City Planning department,  
My husband Alan Fisher and I, who live at 147 Atherton Avenue, are writing on behalf of Joey Gu, of 140 Atherton Avenue. In a letter to us, the Gu family explained in detail their desire to lower the required distance from 7x the diameter of their heritage tree to 6X between a heritage tree and their re-design. Our understanding is that they have done due diligence by involving an arborist. We support their proposal, and admire them in their efforts to build an ADU on their property.  
Sincerely,  
Barbara Sommer  
Alan Fisher

[REDACTED]

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

See you all tomorrow at 6pm.

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Thank you for the update.

See you on 1.25.23

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Note: I will be on Vacation from December 17th , 2022 to January 3, 2023

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**Subject:** RE: Revised project narrative

Here is my recommendation. I can only recommend 7x for both trees.

My memo is attached. Radha is out of the office, and I will be leaving shortly. We can discuss when the Town reopens on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please keep in touch with Radha about the upcoming meeting.

Thank you

Sally Bentz-Dalton  
Town Arborist/Park Manager  
ISA Certified Arborist WE-9238AM  
Town of Atherton  
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[sbentz@ci.atherton.ca.us](mailto:sbentz@ci.atherton.ca.us)  
<http://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=155> (Arborist services & Tree Protection)

"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now."

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Sally,  
Please see the revised project description which indicated that we are applying for the exemption for new perimeter footing be to less than 8x tree diameter for tree # 190 (request for 7x) and tree #192 (request for 6x). Hope this revised narrative should make the application clear for you to move this project to the next planning commission meeting in January.

Thanks & Merry Christmas,  
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urban**tree**management inc.

**TPZ Review**  
**1/23/2023**

Gu Residence  
140 Atherton Ave  
Atherton, CA 94027

To Whom It May Concern:

**Assignment**

It was my assignment to review the difference between 6x and 7x the trunk diameter of the Coast redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) tree #192 and comment on my findings.

**Summary**

Although I agree with Sally's assessment that disrupting any more roots than necessary on Coast redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) tree #192, I wanted to point out that 7x this tree's diameter covers 2,567 sq/ft while 6x this tree's diameter covers 1,886 sq/ft. The difference between 7x and 6x is only about 93 sq/ft which is only 13.7% of the area difference between 7x and 6x this tree's diameter.

The existing driveway is compacted gravel that will still allow for feeder root growth. Please consider this small difference and let us know if we can avoid a timely and costly design change and move forward with the existing design.

# Tree Protection Zone (TPZ)

The area that is fenced off that protects the tree roots from damage of compaction or root cutting.

	TPZ's			
		New		
Structures	R1-A	10X		
Driveways	R1-A	8x		
CMU walls	All sites	6x		
Metal/Wood fence	All sites	5X		
Replacement driveways	All sites	3x or in same place		
Structures	R1-B	6X		
Landscape Screening	All sites	3X		
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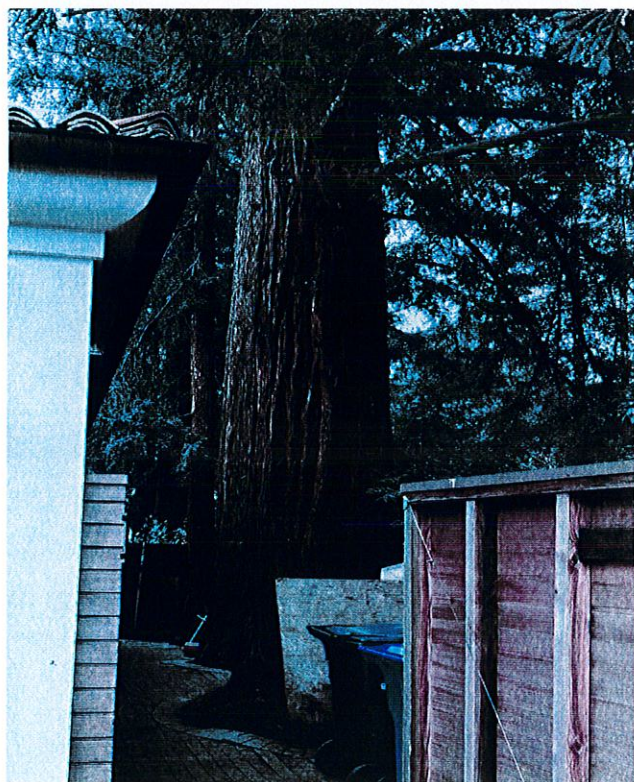
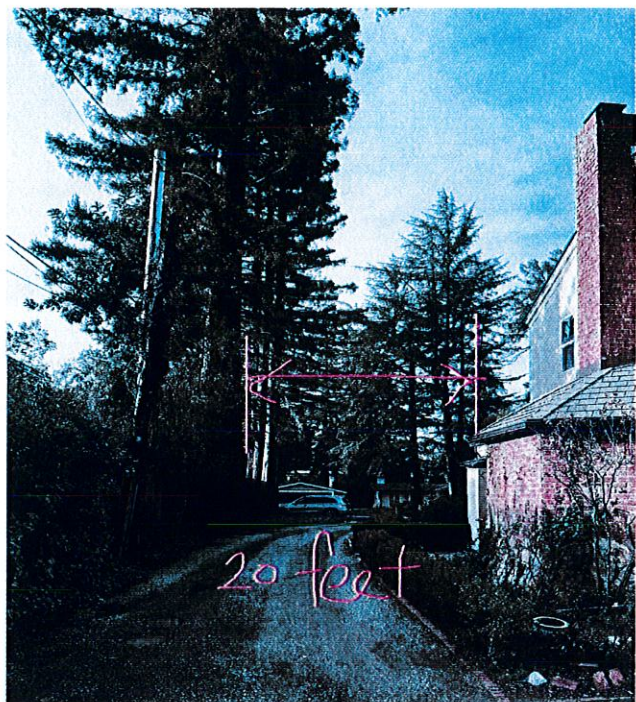
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I certify that the information contained in this report is correct to the best of my knowledge and that this report was prepared in good faith. Please call me if you have questions or if I can be of further assistance.

Respectfully,



Chris Stewart  
WC ISA Certified Arborist WE-13682A





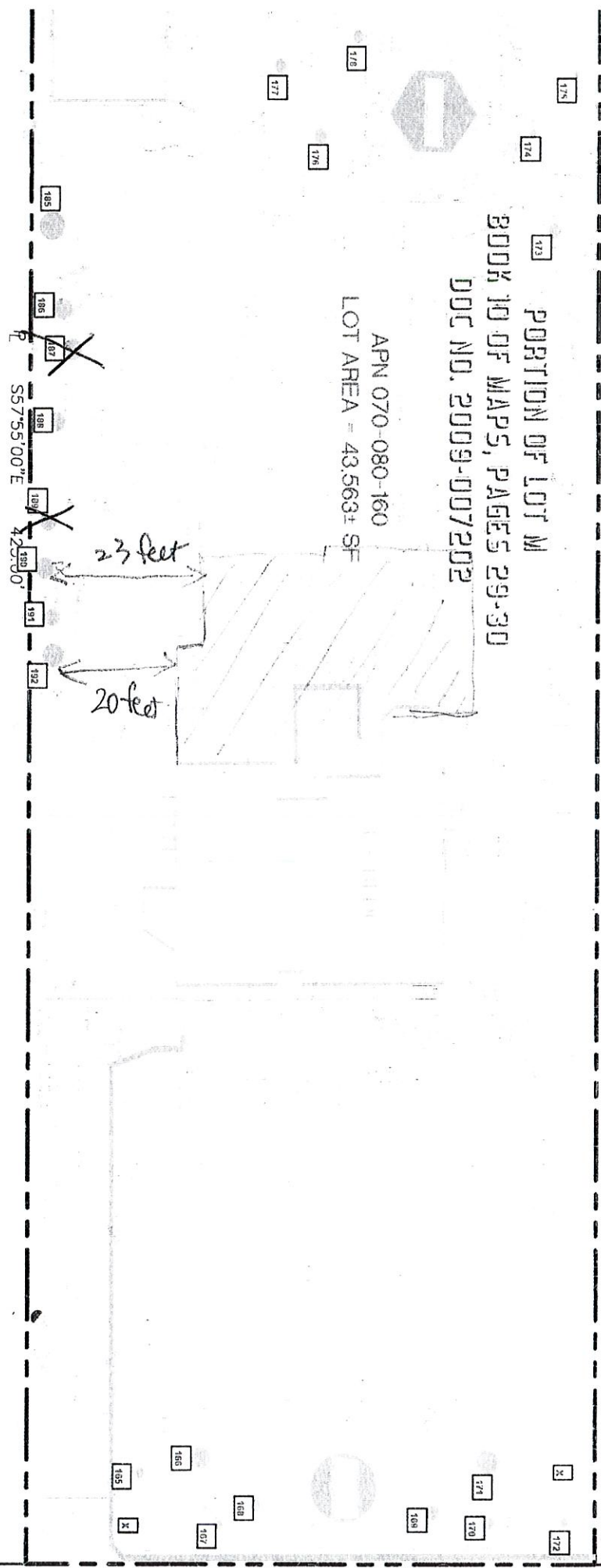




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PORTION OF LOT M  
BOOK 10 OF MAPS, PAGES 29-30  
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