

AGENDA ITEM (13)

BPW-2018-0598

CD 9

[TREE REMOVAL - 526, 600, 606, 610, 616, AND 620 WEST 48TH STREET](#)

Recommending the Board:

1. FIND that the tree removal (1) classifies as operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing street, sidewalk, and gutter, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing; and does not involve the removal of a scenic resource; (2) that the action is exempt under Article III, Section 1, Class 1, Category 3 (existing facilities - sidewalk repair or maintenance) of the City of Los Angeles Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (2002); and (3) that none of the exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption as set forth in Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines apply;
2. REVIEW and APPROVE this tree removal permit request for the removal of six Camphor (*Cinnamomum camphora*) trees by City forces located on 526, 600, 606, 610, 616 and 620 West 48th Street for the reconstruction of an off-grade sidewalk. Tree replacements are required.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ▢ BSS\_1
- ▢ BSS\_1\_TR1
- ▢ BSS\_1\_TR2
- ▢ BSS\_1\_TR3
- ▢ BSS\_1\_TR4

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
BUREAU OF STREET SERVICES  
REPORT NO. 1  
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Date: July 25, 2018  
CD# 09

Honorable Board of Public Works  
Of the City of Los Angeles

Commissioners:

**526, 600, 606, 610, 616 and 620 WEST 48TH STREET – CITYWIDE SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM IN COUNCIL DISTRICT NINE REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE A PERMIT TO REMOVE SIX CAMPHOR (CINNAMOMUM CAMPHORA) TREES BY CITY FORCES FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE OFFGRADE PUBLIC SIDEWALK. TREE REPLACEMENTS ARE REQUIRED.**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. FIND that the tree removal (1) classifies as operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing street, sidewalk, and gutter, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing; and does not involve the removal of a scenic resource; (2) that the action is exempt under Article III, Section 1, Class 1, Category 3 (existing facilities – sidewalk repair or maintenance) of the City of Los Angeles Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (2002); and (3) that none of the exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption as set forth in Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines apply.
2. Review and approve this tree removal permit request for the removal of six Camphor (*Cinnamomum camphora*) trees by City forces located on 526, 600, 606, 610, 616 and 620 West 48th Street for the reconstruction of an off-grade sidewalk. Tree replacements are required.

**TRANSMITTALS:**

1. Tree removal notification sheet.
2. Service Request #1-962032051
3. Property owner's authorization for tree removal.
4. Photographs of the trees to be removed.

**CONDITION:**

All tree replacements comply with the Board of Public Works 2:1 tree replacement policy and shall be planted by the Office of Community Beautification (OCB) or its contractor. The Urban Forestry Division shall begin weekly watering of the tree replacements upon tree planting confirmation from the OCB. Tree watering shall continue for a three-year period.

- Twelve 24-inch box size Pink Trumpet (*Handroanthus heptaphyllus*) trees to be replanted on the 500 through 600 block of West 48th Street at the following addresses: one at 520, two at 526, one at 529, one at 530, one at 536, one at 600, one at 606, one at 616, one at 620, one at 640 and one at 714 West 48th Street.

**ALTERNATIVE METHODS AND OPTIONS EXPLORED:**

The size, species, and location of the trees negate the possibility of tree preservation or relocation.

**RECITAL:**

The Bureau of Engineering (BOE) is the lead agency in identifying defective sidewalks at several locations throughout the City of Los Angeles as part of the Citywide Sidewalk Repair Program. BOE and its contractors are working in close collaboration with the Bureau of Street Services (Bureau) in addressing potential impacts to street trees adjacent to targeted locations.

The BOE contacted the Bureau in reference to reconstruction of off-grade sidewalk conditions at 500 through 600 block of West 48th Street on the South side of the street bounded by Figueroa Street to the east and Hoover Street to the west. A Bureau Arborist inspected the subject location on April 09, 2018. The inspection revealed six Camphor (*Cinnamomum camphora*) trees in fair to poor health measuring approximately twenty-four through sixty-four inches in diameter by approximately thirty to forty-eight feet in height growing in four-foot parkways.

The Bureau is proposing to replace the defective sidewalks due to uplift and severe disruption by the roots and root crowns of the subject trees. The trees have severely outgrown their growing space and defective sidewalks are prevalent throughout the area. The required root pruning to allow the trees to remain would significantly and adversely affect the trees' health and roots' structural integrity leaving them potentially unstable. Hence, sidewalk reconstruction will require tree removal.

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

The Bureau finds the tree removal (1) classifies as operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing street, sidewalk, and gutter, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing; and does not involve the removal of a scenic resource; (2) that the action is exempt under Article III, Section 1, Class 1, Category 3 (existing facilities – sidewalk repair or maintenance) of the City of Los Angeles Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (2002); and (3) that none of the exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption as set forth in Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines apply.

The CEQA Guidelines for Street Tree Removal and Replacements were used in making this finding and are on file with the Bureau and available to the public upon request.

**CONCLUSION**

Bryce Rosauero, District Advocate, Council District Nine, was informed of the tree removal request on May 31, 2018 and will notify the Bureau of any objections received by their office.

Public comments on this tree removal request will be received and heard, both in-writing and in-person, during the scheduled public hearing with the Board. The following public noticing of this tree removal permit was conducted:

- Notice of the proposed tree removals were physically posted on the subject trees on April 09, 2018.
- Proposed tree removals were included in the Bureau Tree Removal Notification System.
- The Community Forestry Advisory Committee (CFAC) was notified.

The Bureau's Urban Forestry Division shall begin weekly watering of the tree replacements upon tree planting confirmation from (OCB). Tree watering shall continue for a three-year period.

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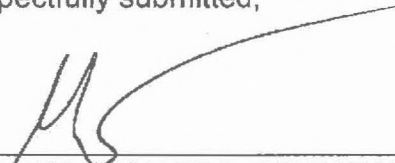
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All tree replacements comply with the Board of Public Works 2:1 tree replacement policy and shall be planted by the Office of Community Beautification (OCB) or its contractor.

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Respectfully submitted,



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For NAZARIO SAUCEDA, DIRECTOR  
BUREAU OF STREET SERVICES

Prepared by:  
Urban Forestry Division  
Ext. 7-3077

NS/GS/TT/HB:dm  
S:\Board Reports\Sidewalk Repair Prog Board Report\FY 2017-2018 526-620 W 48th St

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**TREE REMOVAL NOTIFICATION**


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DATE: **May 31, 2018**  
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**TO:**

COUNCIL DISTRICT: **9**  
 ATTENTION: **Bryce Rosauero / James Westbrooks**  
 PHONE NUMBER: **323-846-2651/ 213-473-7009**  
 FAX NUMBER: **323-846-2656**  
 EMAIL: **bryce.rosauero@lacity.org / james.westbrooks@lacity.org**

**FROM: URBAN FORESTRY DIVISION**

Mail Stop #550  
 1149 S. Broadway, 4th Floor  
 Los Angeles, CA 90015  
 PHONE #: (213) 847-3077  
 FAX: (213) 847-3033

**MESSAGE:** The Urban Forestry Division received the following permit request to remove trees.

**REQUESTER'S INFO:** City of Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services.  
 c/o Sidewalk Repair Program  
 1149 S Broadway 4th Floor  
 Los Angeles, CA 90015

**PERMIT TYPE:** No-Fee Permit

**TREE LOCATION:** 526,600,606,610,616,620 W 48th St Bid Pkg # BSS-8 CRM # 1-962032051  
 Los Angeles, CA 90037 Location # 1324 WO #

**TREE QUANTITY AND SPECIES:** (6) Camphor (Cinnamomum camphora)

**REASON FOR REQUEST:** Sidewalk Repair Program

**CEQA:** The tree removal(s) is/are (1) classified as operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing street, sidewalk, and gutter, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing; and does not involve the removal of a scenic resource; (2) the action is exempt under Article III, Section 1, Class 1, Category 3 (existing facilities - sidewalk repair or maintenance) of the City of Los Angeles Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (2002); and (3) none of the exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption as set forth in Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines apply.

**TREE REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS:**

**PLANTING QUANTITY AND SPECIES:** (12) 24-inch box size Pink Trumpet (Handroanthus heptaphyllus)

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**FOR BUREAU OF STREET SERVICES USE ONLY**

- The above request has been reviewed and approved.  
 The above request is denied.

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_



Maricel El-Amin <maricel.el-amin@lacity.org>

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## Tree Removal Notification - 526 through 620 W 48th St

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Maricel El-Amin <maricel.el-amin@lacity.org>

Thu, May 31, 2018 at 4:55 PM

To: Bryce Rosauro <bryce.rosauro@lacity.org>, James Westbrooks <james.westbrooks@lacity.org>, Ryan Allen <rallen@labteam.org>

Please see attached. Notice of the proposed tree removals were posted on April 9, 2018.



**526 - 620 W 48th St Site 1324.pdf**  
24K

Service Request #: 1-962032051

Print

SR Status: Pending - Location inspected, work pending

Summary

Service Type:	Street Tree Inspection
Contact:	Victor Ibarra 213-847-3114 <a href="#">Edit</a> victor.m.ibarra@lacity.org
Location:	606 W 48TH ST, 90037 <a href="#">Show on Map</a>
Council District:	9
Thomas Bros:	674-B4
Maintenance Area:	Bay Harbor
Maintenance District:	103
Source of Request:	Call <a href="#">Edit</a>
Language:	English <a href="#">Edit</a>
Work Order Number:	N/A <a href="#">Edit</a>
Claim Number:	N/A <a href="#">Edit</a>
Submitted By:	Victor M. Ibarra (BSS) 03/13/2018 07:56 AM
Last Updated By:	Maricel El-Amin (BSS) 05/31/2018 05:06 PM
Ticket Owner:	BSS
Division:	Urban Forestry
Assigned To:	103, UFD
Assignee:	N/A
Priority Level:	Normal <a href="#">Edit Priority</a>
Service Date:	N/A
Action Taken:	SR Created <a href="#">Edit</a>
Optional Tracking Code:	N/A <a href="#">Edit</a>

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Internal: Cuitlahuac Sanchez on 04/09/2018 11:06 AM



Internal: Cuitlahuac Sanchez on 04/09/2018 11:05 AM



Internal: Cuitlahuac Sanchez on 04/09/2018 11:05 AM



Internal: Cuitlahuac Sanchez on 04/09/2018 11:06 AM



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SR Details

Type:	Tree Diseased or Infested
Location:	Parkway

[EDIT SR DETAILS](#)

**Additional Location Info:** Sidewalk Repair Program Bid Package 8, Site1324. Assigned to BSS.

**Comments**

Comment	Internal or External	Created By	Created Date
CD/CFAC Tree Rem Notif sent on 5/31/18.	Internal	Maricel El-Amin	05/31/2018 05:06 PM
INSPECTION: Sidewalk repairs are taking place From S Hoover St ON 48th St to S Figueroa St. There are (6) Camphor (CINNAMOMUM CAMPHORA) trees with a DBH of 24"-64" x 30'-50' in Height. all trees are in a 6' parkway. in trim conditions, some in various stages of decline with visible signs of past limb failure. All trees have impacted 5' sidewalk creating an off grade condition approximately 4"-12" @620, full crown limb low over street, sidewalk off grade 12". two side root prune @616 low over street, signs of limb being hit, tree has a lean toward street. @610 tree pushing curb out, in decline state 80% dry with signs of past limb failure. @606 tree pushing out curb, signs of decline, lean towards street. @600 basal rot, limb failure.	Internal	Cuitlahuac Sanchez	05/14/2018 08:54 AM
limb low over street, signs of limb failure in the past. @526 tree pushing out curb and sidewalk limb low over street signs of being hit in the past. root prune is not an option critical root zone will be impacted. no overhead wires. no parking 8am-11am Wednesday.	Internal	Cuitlahuac Sanchez	05/14/2018 08:54 AM
RECOMMENDATION. REMOVE and STUMP GRIND. (F/1) @ 620. (F/1) @ 616. (F/1) @ 610. (F/1) @ 606. (F/1) @ 600. (F/1) @ 526. REPLANTS. (2) @ 526. (1) @ 530. (1) @ 536. (1) @ 640. (1) @ 714. (1) @ 600. (1) @ 606. (1) @ 616. (1) @ 620. (1) @ 529. (1) @ 520 1/2. all trees have been mark with a single white line for removal and a orange DOT for replants.	Internal	Cuitlahuac Sanchez	05/14/2018 08:54 AM

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**SR Reassignment**

Referred From	Referred To	Notes	Initiator	Date
No Reassignments				

[REASSIGN TICKET](#)

[CLONE TICKET](#)

[GAVE CALLER INFO](#)

**Parent SR(s)**

SR#	SR Type	Link Initiator	Status	Linked Date	Action
No Data Found					

**Child SR(s)**

SR#	SR Type	Link Initiator	Status	Linked Date	Action
No Data Found					

### BSS Inspection

Inspected/Reviewed By:	Victor Ibarra	Inspection/Review Date:	03/13/2018 07:59 AM
Contact:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		
Inspection Crew:	001		
Work Required (Reason):	I - Inspected <input type="button" value="v"/>		

### BSS Closeout

Completed By:	<input type="text"/>
Crew:	<input type="text"/>
Approved By:	<input type="text"/>
Work Completed (Resolution):	Select. <input type="button" value="v"/>
Date Completed:	<input type="text" value="mm/dd/yyyy"/>

SUBMIT



DIVISION

BSS-8

Site 1324

City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
BUREAU OF STREET SERVICES

**PROPERTY OWNER'S AUTHORIZATION FOR TREE REMOVAL, FOR PROPOSED SIDEWALK REPAIRS.**

Date 3/26/2018

(I/we) \_\_\_\_\_ (am/are) the legal owner of real  
PRINT OWNER'S NAME

Property located at 526 W 48th St  
ADDRESS

(Mr. / Ms.) Ravi Lynn is acting as (my/our)  
REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME

Agent. (I/we) give (my/our) permission and have no objection to the removal of  
1 Canyon trees.  
# OF TREES SPECIES

[Signature]  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

**CUI SANCHEZ, TREE SURGEON SUPERVISOR**  
TEL: 213-847- / FAX: 213-847-0804  
EMAIL: CUI.SANCHEZ@LACITY.ORG

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BSS-8 Site 1324

**PROPERTY OWNER'S AUTHORIZATION FOR TREE REMOVAL, FOR PROPOSED SIDEWALK REPAIRS.**

Date 7/25/2018

(I/we) \_\_\_\_\_ (am/are) the legal owner of real  
PRINT OWNER'S NAME

Property located at 600 W 48th ST  
ADDRESS

(Mr. / Ms.) Ryan Carter is acting as (my/our)  
REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME

Agent. (I/we) give (my/our) permission and have no objection to the removal of  
1 CAMPTER trees.  
# OF TREES SPECIES

[Signature]  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

**CUI SANCHEZ, TREE SURGEON SUPERVISOR**  
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**PROPERTY OWNER'S AUTHORIZATION FOR TREE REMOVAL, FOR PROPOSED SIDEWALK REPAIRS.**

Date 3/28/2018

(I/we) \_\_\_\_\_ (am/are) the legal owner of real  
PRINT OWNER'S NAME

Property located at 600 W 40th ST  
ADDRESS

(Mr. / Ms.) JOSE is acting as (my/our)  
REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME

Agent. (I/we) give (my/our) permission and have no objection to the removal of  
1 CANYON trees.  
# OF TREES SPECIES

JOSE  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

**CUI SANCHEZ, TREE SURGEON SUPERVISOR**  
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**PROPERTY OWNER'S AUTHORIZATION FOR TREE REMOVAL, FOR PROPOSED SIDEWALK REPAIRS.**

Date 3/28/2018

(I/we) Delmy Alberto (am/are) the legal owner of real  
PRINT OWNER'S NAME

Property located at 616 W 48th ST  
ADDRESS

(Mr. / Ms.) \_\_\_\_\_ is acting as (my/our)  
REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME

Agent. (I/we) give (my/our) permission and have no objection to the removal of  
1 Campster trees.  
# OF TREES SPECIES

Delmy E. Alberto  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

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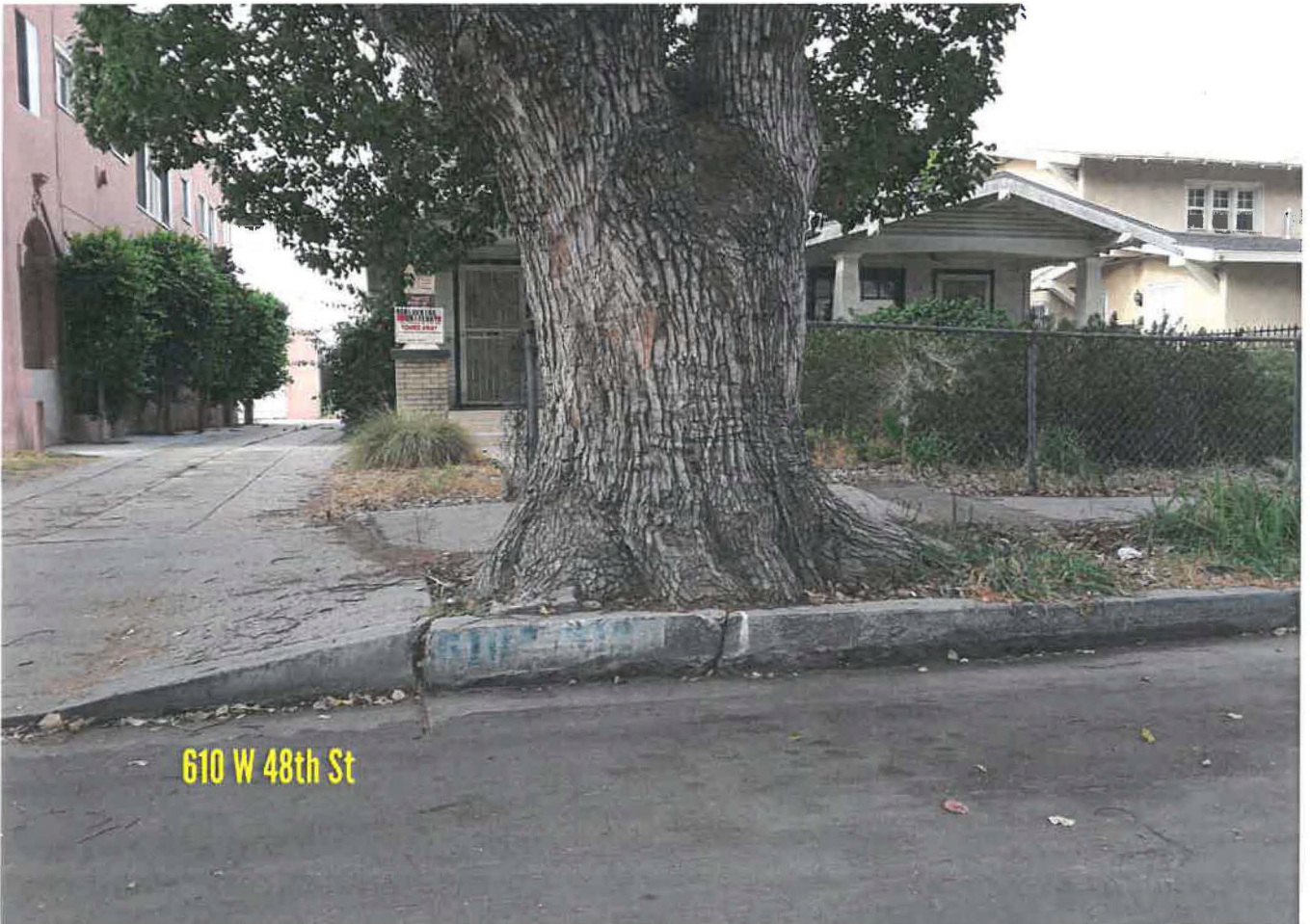






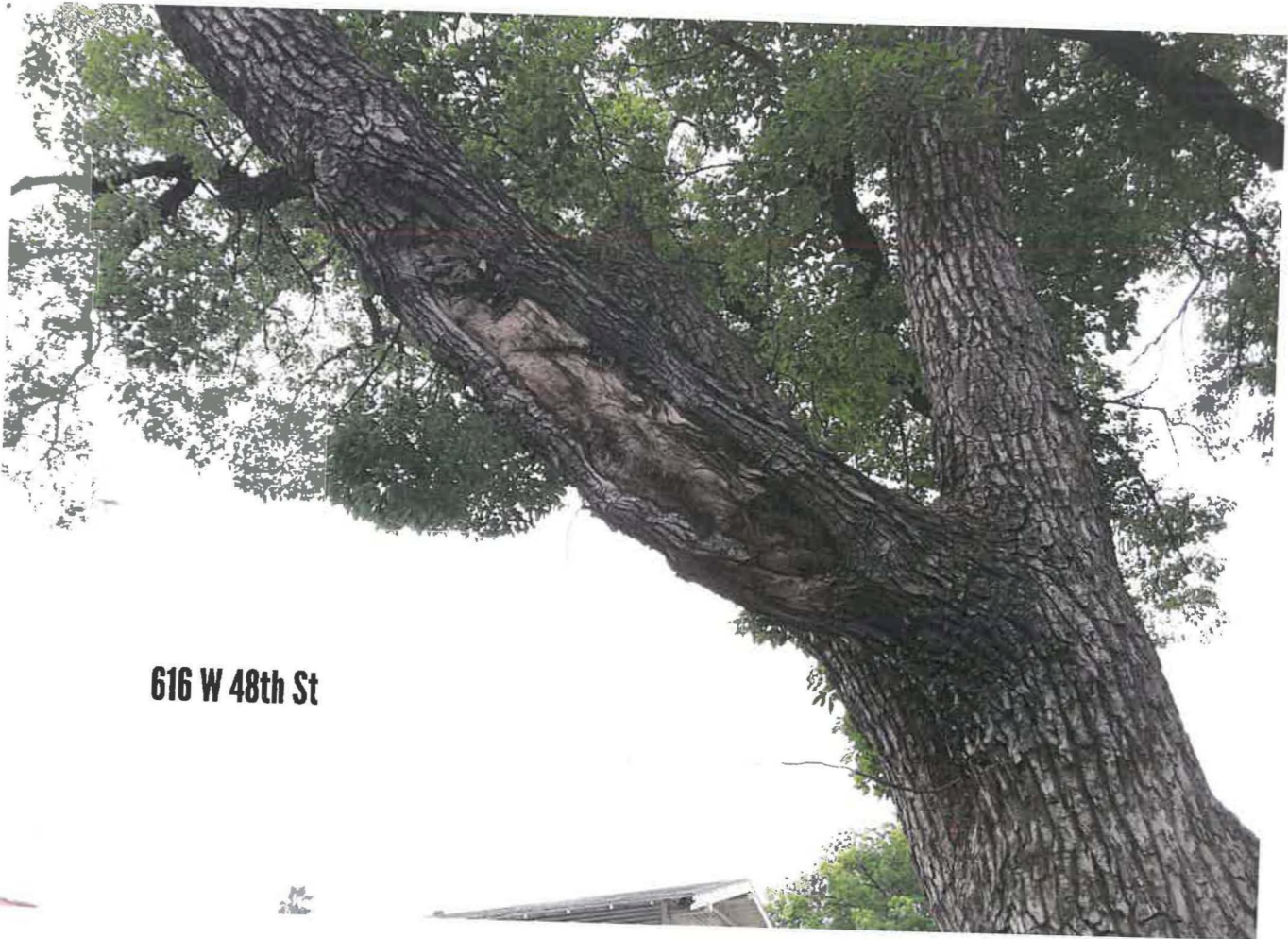












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