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Pacific Grove Council

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Removal of Trees in Washington Park and other City Land **Requires Dramatically Better Process**

Dear Councilmembers,

Approving the Washington Park logging violated CEQA and Public notice that the public insists upon.

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Forest Ecology

"Dead or Dying (tree). n An excuse to kill and remove a tree, which is generally healthy, in the path of a proposed building or road. Essentially every tree has some dead branches or dead leaves or needles. Misused by arborists, foresters, horticulturists and even biologists, and even occasionally by an ecologist.

- We strongly request you require on all future tree cutting or trimming projects -
 - 1. Painfully obvious International Orange netting or tape of the tree limbs or trunks proposed to be logged.
 - 2. Maps of all the tress proposed to be cut or trimmed.
 - 3. Posted Notices near the proposed tree removal with the maps and explaining in clear English what is proposed and how individuals can object.
- We most strongly request you require on THE CURRENT and all future tree cutting or trimming projects --
 - 4. Accountability Photographic follow up on each tree and limb that was used to justify the cutting - to see how bad the tree was actually weakened.

Thank you,

David Dilworth, Executive Director