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David Dietz
540 Ellis Court
Sebastopol, CA

Re: Coast live oak

Dear David,

This letter is a follow up on a requested site visit on September 21, 2023 at 540 Ellis Court Sebastopol, Ca. You requested I come measure the diameter of the trunk of your coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*). You are concerned because the tree is leaning significantly over the sidewalk and street. Additionally, several branches of the tree are leaning on the phone and cable lines.

The diameter of the tree trunk was 23" at 3' 3". I measured below the usual dbh due to branching of major limbs of the tree at 4' 6".

Pruning the tree to remove the branches from the cable and telephone lines and to remove the branches hanging over the street and sidewalk would entail removing major tree limbs. This would put the tree at risk for future branch decay as trees do not heal over well when large branches are cut. For this reason I recommend removing the tree.

Please note you will need to contact the City of Sebastopol and obtain a tree removal permit before moving forward with tree removal.

Good luck with your project. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Heidi Fantacone
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540 Ellis Court *Quercus agrifolia* pictures



540 Ellis Street
Looking west



540 Ellis Street
Looking east