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To whom it may concern

I disagree with the decision that the tree in my front yard is a danger to my neighbors and myself. As stated previously the tree, a Callery pear has outgrown the yard and is over hanging the street, sidewalk and driveway. Recently a large branch broke off the tree (during summer weather) and luckily fell on my front lawn, not on the sidewalk or road. If it had fallen while someone was walking on the public sidewalk they would have been severely injured or even worse killed. This is a family neighborhood where people walk their dogs and/or push their baby strollers.

Winter is approaching with the seasonal weather of high winds and heavy rain, both of which could cause another branch to break off resulting in property damage or bodily harm.

I have researched online articles about this California non protected tree species and found the following.

<https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org>

In the 1950s, Callery pear emerged in U.S. commerce as a promising new ornamental tree, leading to massive landscape plantings. By the 1980s, concerns about both overplanting and **structural weakness (limb breakage or splitting from seasonal wind**, ice and snow) began to surface. Today, additional concerns about invasiveness (non-sterile forms are escaping cultivation and naturalizing in some areas) are being addressed. As reported in

<https://www.cal-ipc.org/plants/risk/pyrus-calleryana-risk/>

Reports that this tree; displaces native plants and dominates (overtop or smother) the plant community in areas where it has established. Also, this species (or cultivar or variety) is noted as being invasive in the U.S.

Given these concerns for the safety of my community I would like permission to remove the tree before the winter weather sets in.

Yours sincerely

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