

BOARD OF APPEALS, CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Appeal of
KINDRA SCHARICH,

Appeal No. **19-101**

Appellant(s)

vs.

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC WORKS,
BUREAU OF URBAN FORESTRY,

Respondent

NOTICE OF APPEAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT on September 9, 2019, the above named appellant(s) filed an appeal with the Board of Appeals of the City and County of San Francisco from the decision or order of the above named department(s), commission, or officer.

The substance or effect of the decision or order appealed from is the **ISSUANCE** on August 26, 2019 to San Francisco Public Works, Bureau of Urban Forestry, of a Public Works Order (approval of a request to remove 48 street trees on 24th Street with replacement unless otherwise noted by Public Works; the replacement tree size will be both 24" and 36" box size trees, depending on required space from utilities and species availability; replacement species shall be both red maple and ginkgo; the replacement trees and necessary sidewalk repairs shall be completed within three months after the removal of the trees and stumps have occurred; additionally there is room to plant 17 new trees at new planting sites) at 24th Street between Potrero Avenue and Mission Street, addresses range from 2700 through the 3200 blocks of 24th Street.

ORDER NO. 201771

FOR HEARING ON July 15, 2020

Address of Appellant(s):

Address of Other Parties:

<p>Kindra Scharich, Appellant(s) 3158 24th Street, Apt. # 1 San Francisco, CA 94110</p>	<p>San Francisco Public Works Bureau of Urban Forestry, Determination Holder(s) c/o Chris Buck, Agent for Determination Holder(s) 49 South Van Ness, Suite 1000 San Francisco, CA 94103</p>
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NOTICE OF DECISION & ORDER

The hearing on the aforementioned matter came before the Board of Appeals of the City & County of San Francisco on July 15, 2020. [Note: release of this decision was delayed given that the appellant for Appeal No. 19-099, a related appeal, requested a rehearing; the rehearing request was denied by the Board on August 12, 2020].

PURSUANT TO § 4.106 of the Charter of the City & County of San Francisco and Article 1, §14 of the Business & Tax Regulations Code of the said City & County, and the action above stated, the Board of Appeals hereby **GRANTS THE APPEAL AND ORDERS** that the **ISSUANCE** of the subject determination by the San Francisco Public Works, Bureau of Urban Forestry is **UPHELD** on the **CONDITION** it be **REVISED** to require the following:

- (1) Only 33 trees shall be removed on 24th Street; these trees shall be replaced by 50 trees that are of Ginkgo and red maple variety and shall be in at least 24-inch size boxes; further they shall be replaced within three months of removal, the removal and replacement is block by block and the trees and the stumps must be removed prior to moving onto the next block.
- (2) An additional 95 trees shall be planted in the neighboring blocks as identified in the Mission Verde Plan that was presented at the hearing on July 15, 2020. The size and species shall be determined by SFPW-BUF in agreement with the community and these trees shall be planted within six to twelve months of the hearing date.
- (3) SFPW-BUF and the community shall review the sites together and ensure that the murals are protected.
- (4) Any wood from the trees that are removed shall be made available to the community for art.

(5) The stakes that are used for the trees may be utilized by the community, in collaboration with SFPW-BUF, for the purpose of displaying and showcasing art.

(6) Any damaged trees shall be replaced within two months.

(7) SFPW-BUF and the community shall work together to develop a watering plan for these trees as set forth in the Mission Verde Plan submitted on July 15, 2020.

(8) Prior to the trees being removed, there must be an opportunity for a recognition ceremony that is safe and socially distanced to allow the community to say goodbye to the trees. This ceremony shall be organized by Mission Verde and Calle 24.

This decision was made on the basis that the Plan was agreed to by SFPW-BUF and some of the appellants.

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Last Day to Request Rehearing: July 27, 2020
Rehearing Request: None.
Rehearing: None.
Notice Released: August 13, 2020



Ann Lazarus, President



Julie Rosenberg, Executive Director

If this decision is subject to review under Code of Civil Procedure § 1094.5, then the time within which judicial review must be sought is governed by California Code of Civil Procedure, §1094.6.

Attachment: Mission Verde Plan submitted at the hearing on July 15, 2020.

A COALITION OF COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS COMMITTED TO A GREENER, CLEANER, HEALTHIER FUTURE

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HOW THIS PROJECT CAME TO BE

Background:

In the spring of 2019, San Francisco's Bureau of Urban Forestry (BUF) notified Mission residents of its intent to remove 78 trees along the 24th Street Cultural Corridor. Public response was intense and protests were submitted. In response to the outcry, BUF reduced the number of proposed removals to 47 trees. Four members of the community appealed, and requested a continuance to study the removal from an environmental perspective, as well as to obtain an Independent Arborist Report. This continuance was granted. Since that time, a GoFundMe campaign was launched to hire an independent arborist, and environmental studies were conducted of both the benefits that will be lost by the removal, and benefits gained with BUF's current replacement plan. Additionally, in June 2020, the Independent Arborist Report confirmed the need for several removals in the neighborhood, albeit 10 fewer than BUF's final numbers, or roughly 33 trees.

Current Proposal:

In response to the reality of losing so many trees, the appellants, Calle24 Latino Cultural District, Supervisor Hillary Ronen's legislative aide Paul Monge, and other members of the community decided to look for ways to mitigate the profound cultural and environmental impacts of such a mass removal. BUF has indicated it has funding to plant 50 new trees along the corridor, at a cost of roughly \$2000 per tree— \$500 for the replanting and \$1500 for 3 years of "establishment" watering. The appellants proposed that, if the community would be willing to commit to provide establishment watering for all the new trees, then BUF could potentially boost their planting by a multiplier of 3— 200 trees or more!

Via Calle24, the proposed new initiative, "MISSION VERDE" is committed to provide volunteers and coordination to water these new trees, and wholeheartedly supports the implementation of a robust planting project in our community. At the same time, we hope to work closely with BUF to ensure that new plantings will honor the protection and preservation of our murals. We look forward to fostering partnerships between the aforementioned organizations, and to create a better quality of life with a greener, cleaner, healthier future for our community.

TRIPLING PROPOSED PLANTINGS IN THE MISSION

BUF Replanting Budget for
24th Street Removals

50 Trees X \$2000 = \$100,000.00

Savings from community-led
Establishment watering

50 Trees X \$1500 = \$ 75,000.00

Less watering equipment
(2-3 carts, hoses)

\$ 2,500.00

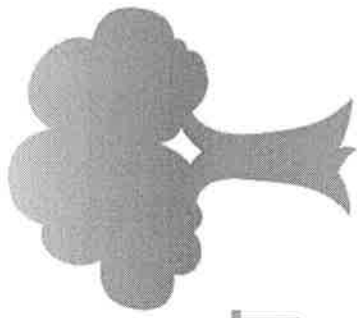
Funds for additional plantings

\$ 73,500.00/

Potential for additional new trees in the Mission

\$ 500.00

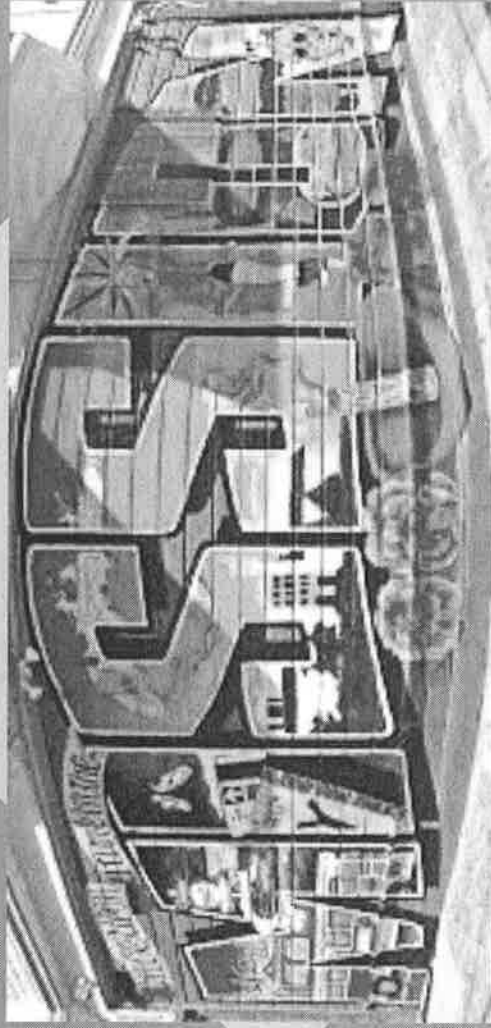
145 New Trees



MISSION VERDE'S COMMITMENT

- To create a watering plan to support establishment of new plantings on 24th Street and the surrounding streets
- Organize community volunteers to invest in the long-term wellness of our community
- To advocate for the care, love and respect of our street trees
- To act as stewards for the health of our trees and cleanliness of our streets

Mural Artists: Max Marttila & Fred Alvarado




With George Crampton Glassanos, Cheph, Dref and Students of Precita Eyes Urban Youth Arts class

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PROPOSED WATERING MAP

-  Blue Fire Hydrant
-  White Fire Hydrant
-  BAAC's Proposed Removals



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PROPOSED WATERING PLAN

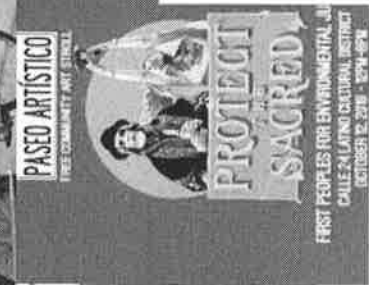
- The Mission Verde watering map encompasses 24 blocks, from Mission to Potrero (west to east) and from 23rd to 25th streets (north to south)
- Those blocks are divided into rainbow-colored quadrants A, B, C & D
- Mission Verde volunteers will be assigned watering responsibilities based on color & quadrant
- Each color quadrant's captain will be responsible for coordinating the watering schedule with the volunteers in their section. The captain will also assess the watering needs as they develop (e.g. starting with 24th St. replacements, but increasing as additional basins are filled)
- Ideally, there should be one watering cart assigned per color section (6 total), accessible to each member of that team, but depending on storage space and funds, we may need to make adjustments to that
 - Mission Verde Volunteer Tasks:
 - Weekly watering of fledgling trees (Retrieve the watering cart, use the hydrant wrench to tap into the local fire hydrant, attach hydrant hose, fill watering cart as often as needed to provide 15-20 gallons of water (via the green watering bags) weekly to each newly planted tree
 - Report Tree Vandalism to 311
 - Re-stake any compromised fledgling trees
 - Remove any debris from the basin around the fledgling tree

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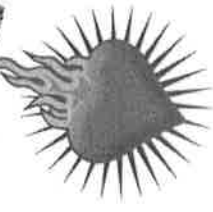
MISSION VILLE LATINO CULTURAL DISTRICT CROSS-BRACING

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Look and feel to be determined by Calle24



Calle 24
 Latino Cultural District



TOOLS OF THE MISSION VERDE TRADE

- * **Battery Powered**
- * **Watering Tank with pump, 35 Gallons**
- * **Hydrant Spanner Wrench**
- * **Fire hydrant adaptor/hose**
- * **Tree-care survival kit:**
- * **Hammer & Nails**
- * **Extra Water Bags**
- * **Extra Cross Braces**
- * **Gloves**
- * **Arbor Ties**
- * **Stake Pounder**
- * **Plastic Bags (garbage)**
- * **Paper Bags (compost)**



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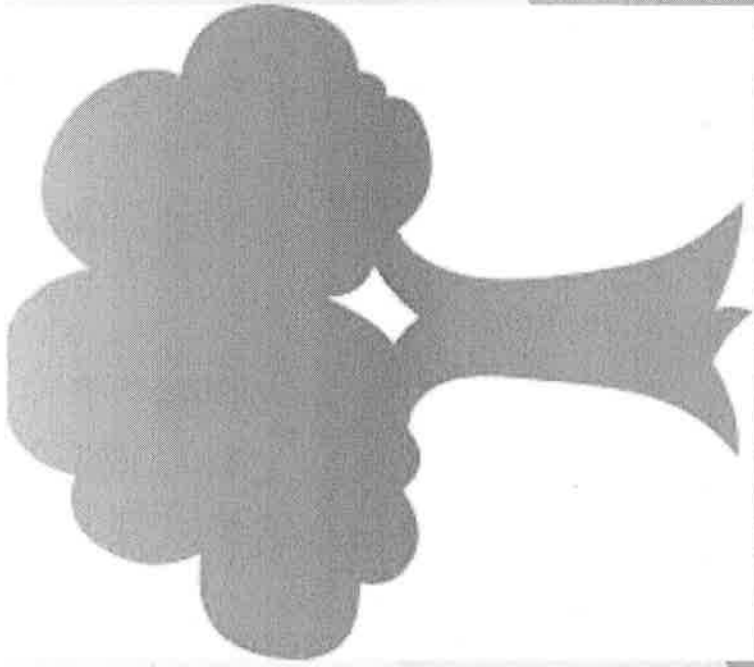
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PROJECTED BUDGETING COSTS

MISSION VERDE BUDGETING COSTS

Item	Quantity	Cost	Total
<u>Battery Watering Technologies, 50 Gallon Aqua Sub Extreme</u>	2	\$995.00	\$1990.00
<u>Fire Hydrant Spanner Wrench</u>	2	\$49.95	\$99.90
<u>2 1/2 in. Discharge Hose</u>	2	\$63.55	\$127.10
TOTAL			\$2217.00



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