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**RE: Exemption Historic (APL 7663-2017) for Christian Irias 366 W. Alvarado Street**

Dear Council Members:

I am writing to you in reference to my appeal (June 19,2017) for the Major Certificate of Appropriateness to allow the removal of one (1) Deodar Cedar tree from my property in the Wilton Heights district. I went to the Historic District meeting this past May to have the permit re-issued and the process was very confusing for the commissioners. Ms. Tomkins asked for documentation, which I was not informed I needed to take with me and the City didn't present any documentation either. Commissioner Kercheval repeatedly stated that he did not understand how they were voting and Mr. Brad Johnson could not explain it enough times to clarify how their vote would be interpreted.

Also, the City Attorney couldn't simplify it enough; the commissioners were very confused before voting which made it unfair on my behalf. The issue of the tree leaning, which Commissioner Garcia Juarez was concerned about had been quickly dismissed. I believe some council members should attend to see how the meetings are conducted so you can see that there is a lot of confusion that exists. The vote resulted in a 3-3 (tie) in all the confusion and now I'm submitting an appeal because after the Certified Arborist I hired evaluated my tree, he found it dangerous and can hurt a pedestrian or motorist if it falls over.

I want to add that I've researched section PRC §21083 and found that the tree is not going to degrade the property value of the historic district or surrounding properties. It is visually blocked by the oversized trees that are on the sidewalks. The "street-trees" are blocking the view of the deodar pine tree that is in my front yard and it is very close in proximity to my house. This can be seen by driving and walking down Alvarado Ave. This was a concern from some of the citizens at the historic district meeting during public comments. I believe that property and citizen safety takes precedence over the non-native, dangerous tree.

Since this project is exempt from PRC §21083, there wasn't a report or evaluation of the tree presented to the Historic Commission or myself. That is why I needed an expert evaluation by an unbiased Certified Arborist which I submitted to the City Clerk with my appeal. This is a matter of safety and I am not willing to take responsibility for any accidents/injuries the tree may cause.

Thankyou,

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Cc: City of Pomona, City Clerk, Planning Dept.  
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