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Historic Preservation Society:

I reside at 1542 Alameda Street in Pomona. My parents purchased this home in 1959. They are long deceased but they planted two Canary Island pine trees in their front yard, not aware of the extreme danger that they would pose 62 years later.

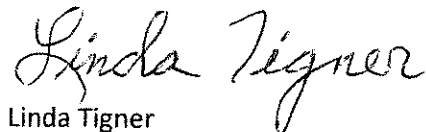
My neighbors and I are terrified by the height of these trees, the tallest of which is at least 80 feet and the other is 15 feet shorter. Inevitably, one or both of these trees will fall over and destroy my home or one of my neighbor's homes, very likely resulting in death if we are present when the trees fall.

The Historic Preservation Society will now consider whether permission to remove both trees should be given. We are hoping that they make the ethical decision that sparing our homes and our lives should be their focus.

I am 79 years old. I was a public high school teacher with the Los Angeles Unified School District for 36 years. The last 30 of those years I was a faculty member at Franklin High School in Highland Park where more than 75% of our student body came from low-income families. My colleagues and I continue to support scholarships with the Franklin Educational Foundation. I also contribute financial help yearly to assist students at Pomona College where I earned a degree in history.

Under the terms of my trust, my fiduciary will sell my house, provided that it is in good condition. If my property has sustained serious damage due to falling trees, this would be impossible.

Sincerely,


Linda Tigner

