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re: Project T23-009 & ER23-102: 1215 Camino Ramon at Britton,

Dear Planner Gee,

I am writing as a nearby resident to express my opposition to details in the planned lot subdivision and development plans for the property at the southwest corner of Britton and Camino Ramon, immediately across Britton from the beautiful City of San José Willow Street/Frank Bramhall Park.

I do not begrudge the heirs of an estate selling to a developer, nor do I begrudge a developer trying to make a profit. But I do object to trying to maximize profits regardless of the impacts to the community, and the proposal here to cut down three giant redwood trees just so that five houses can be squeezed into the single lot is a prime example!

Using *Google Earth*, I estimate the two redwood trees along Britton to be 103' and 106' tall, and the one along Camino Ramon to be 142' – taller than any tree in the city park. The three trees on the parcel, together with several more redwoods in the park immediately to the north, form a grove or cluster. The city park trees have for decades been sheltered and protected by the trees on the parcel, and they could be severely threatened if now suddenly exposed to direct sunlight and wind.

It probably makes sense to subdivide the parcel into smaller lots, but only if it can be done in a responsible manner. **All three trees can be saved** if, for example, "Lot 2" and "Lot 3" were combined into one and the driveway routed to Camino Ramon – and the developer would still be able to build four units on the property.

Please deny the current subdivision and development proposals and tell the developer to **do better**.

Thank you.

~Larry Ames, longtime nearby resident.

