



Fwd: Pittosporum Trees.

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For the record please.

Take good care.

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From: **Lucinda Lloyd** <lucindalloyd41@gmail.com>

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Subject: Pittosporum Trees.

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Cc: Chip Rerig <crerig@ci.carmel.ca.us>

Dear Mayor Potter, Council Members Richards, Thies, Baron and Ferlito,

I write this email in support of the request by Vivian Price and Susanne Davis to overturn the Forest and Beach Commission's decision to fine them \$4,700 for removal of non-native invasive species trees on the property they purchased. They are new to Carmel, unfamiliar with the strict guidelines regarding trees, recognized the Pittosporums as invasive volunteer trees and had them removed.

I visited the home during an estate sale a few years ago. It was obvious that the owners had been unable to continue caring for their garden as they aged. It was overgrown with ivy and overshadowed by many trees that had not been maintained, thinned or removed. Some grew where seeds landed. Pittosporums are notorious self-seeding plants. If initially planted as a small to medium sized shrub, without pruning they "bolt" into tall trees. Birds scatter the seeds far and wide. They are not a favored garden tree, particularly where native trees are growing.

That Ms. Price and Ms. Davis preserved the oaks and a pine demonstrate their interest in trees, just not invasive ones. They have a big job ahead of them corralling the overgrowth, clearing their landscape palette and installing garden plants of interest to enhance their property both along the roadside and in their private back garden.

I hope you extend a welcome to them both and remove the fine. It's a whopping big fine that could be better used installing their new garden design that we could enjoy as we drive by their Junipero Street home.

Thank you,

Cindy Lloyd