



September 1, 2026

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To Whom It May Concern:

On September 1, 2026, I performed a visual inspection of a Coast Live Oak (*Quercus agrifolia*) located on the right side of the residence at 1716 Tregloan Court, Alameda, California.

The purpose of my visit was to evaluate concerns that the tree was in contact with the house and required pruning to create clearance between the structure and the tree canopy. Upon arrival, I observed that the tree was leaning against the roof at the gutter level and appeared to be creating pressure on the roof structure.

General Tree Information

- Species: Coast Live Oak (*Quercus agrifolia*)
- Diameter at Breast Height (DBH): Approximately 33 inches, measured as the combined diameter of two co-dominant leaders
- Height: Approximately 35 to 40 feet
- Canopy Spread (Dripline): Approximately 35 to 40 feet
- Foliage Condition: Average color and density
- Root Flare Condition: Below average visibility
- Basal Condition: No visible basal decay or mechanical damage observed

Observations

The tree consists of two co-dominant leaders originating near ground level that comprise the overall canopy structure. The larger leader measures approximately 19 inches in diameter, while the smaller leader measures approximately 14 inches in diameter.



The dominant 19-inch leader contains a secondary co-dominant "Y" union located approximately 10 feet above grade. This union has failed and it has a crack measuring approximately 3 feet in length with an opening of up to 2 inches. The defect is considered significant and indicative of structural failure potential.

Additionally, the tree has a significant lean toward the residence. At the time of inspection, portions of the tree were in direct contact with the roof at the gutter line. Based on visual observation, the roof may be providing support that is limiting additional movement of the tree.

The tree is located adjacent to the property line fence. Evidence of fence displacement was noted, which may be associated with tree movement, shifting, or root-related pressure.

Recommendation

Based on the observed structural defects, significant lean toward the residence, and direct contact with the roof structure, I recommend **removal of the tree**.

Reasons for this recommendation include:

1. The presence of a large crack approximately 3 feet long and up to 2 inches wide at a major co-dominant union.
2. The significant lean of the tree toward the residence.
3. Direct contact between the tree and the roof structure.
4. Evidence of movement or displacement affecting the adjacent fence.
5. The potential for further structural failure could result in substantial damage to the house, roof, and overhead service wires located along the front of the property.

It is my professional opinion that the compromised structure of the tree is considered HIGH risk. Further shifting or failure of either leader could result in significant property damage and create a hazardous condition.

This recommendation is based on a visual inspection performed from the ground and reflects the visual conditions present at the time of inspection.



I have included photos for reference.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact me at 510-908-2943 or email ruben@professionaltreecare.com.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ruben Vargas H.' The signature is written in a cursive style.

Ruben Vargas
Certified Arborist WE-8240A















Demolition Certificate of Approval
Supplemental Application (Misc. Resource/Accessory Structure)

City Architectural and Historic Resource Designation: Protected Tree: Coast Live Oak

ISA Certified Arborist estimates subject tree is
less than 20-30 years. Homeowner recollection

Age of Resource/Date of Construction: is tree was a sapling in 2008.

Describe the physical features of the resource:

Coast Live Oak tree with co-dominant trunks, located against property side fence,
with a lean towards the house. Tree has structural weaknesses, including a failed
secondary Y-union 10 feet above grade on a co-dominant leader, with a crack
approximately 3 feet in length and up to 2 inches in width. Portion(s) of tree are in
direct contact with roof at gutter line, with roof appearing to provide support that is
limiting further movement of tree.

Explain why, in detail, the resource is to be removed:

The severe lean towards the house, along with the failed leader at the cracked Y-union
observed to be making direct contact with the house, presents as a high risk situation. An
ISA certified arborist has stated in an arborist report that any further shifting of the leader
or another portion of the tree, could result in significant property damage to the home, and
create a hazardous condition, and should be removed expeditiously.

What are the proposed plans for the site after the removal of the resource:

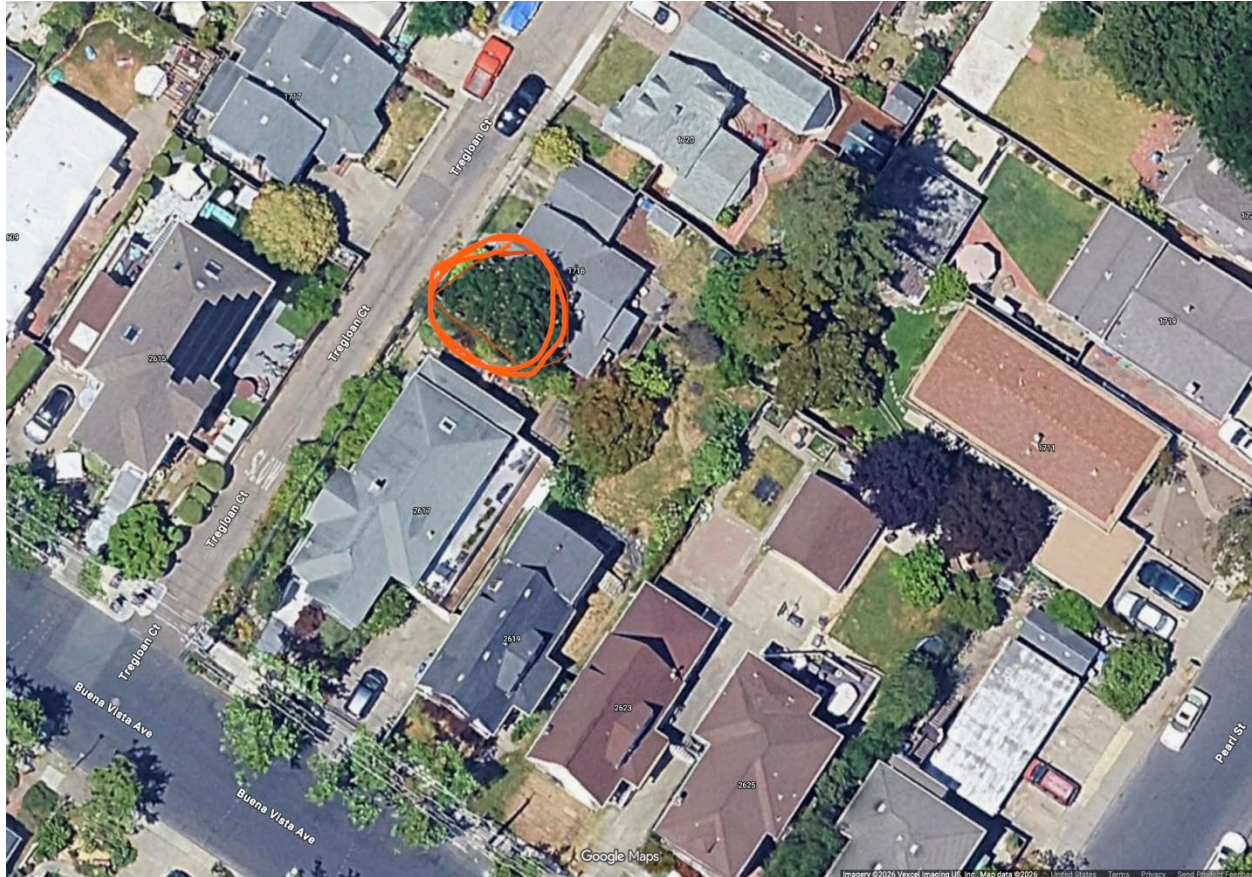
The site will either be replanted with replacement Coast Live Oaks as required,
otherwise, the in-lee fee will be forfeited. The property will be listed for sale.

Submittal Requirements:

1. Color photographs of the resource
2. Site Plan
3. Arborist Report, if appropriate
4. Inspector's Report, if appropriate

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Site Photos













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