Arborist Report 2801 Otis Dr

Date: June 6, 2024

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950 West Mall Square, Room 110

Alameda, CA 94501

Subject: 2801 Otis St

Species: Metrosideros excelsa – New Zealand Christmas Tree

Recommendation: Removal – ADA Conflict

Summary:

The tree is growing at an angle over the sidewalk such that 80" of vertical clearance cannot be obtained for the pedestrian path of travel. The Public Right of Way Accessibility Guidelines, published by the U.S. Access Board, requires 80" of vertical clearance and where the vertical clearance is less than 80 inches, guards or barriers must be provided to prohibit pedestrian travel. Installing guards or barriers is not a viable solution given the narrowness of the sidewalk. The tree should be removed to remove this accessibility barrier. The tree was inspected on June 6, 2025.

Photo:



Arborist Determination: The tree is causing persistent ADA safety concerns and cannot be mitigated by practical and reasonable options.

6/5/2025

Joe Bartolo, Certified Arborist