Arborist Report Memorandum

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TO: Erin Smith, Public Works Director
City of Alameda

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SUBJECT: Tree #1582
2970 Gibbons Drive, Alameda

The City of Alameda enlisted HortScience | Bartlett Consulting, Divisions of the F.A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company, (H|BC) to assess a population of mature sweetgums (*Liquidambar styraciflua*) along Gibbons Drive in Alameda. In December 2025, H|BC delivered a Tree Inventory Report which describes our assessment and preliminary recommendations to assist with creating an equitable and community-oriented management plan. Following the December 2025 Report, the City of Alameda requested that H|BC prepare individual reports for trees recommended for removal. This letter responds to that request.

LOCATION: 2970 Gibbons Drive, tree #1582
SPECIES: Sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*)
TRUNK DIAMETER: 24 inches
CONDITION: Poor. The crown was very thin and vigor was poor. Few lateral branches were present along stems. Stems were stub-cut. See Photo 1, next page. The tree was located between driveways.
SIDEWALK DAMAGE: Moderate. Raised and cracked asphalt sidewalk.
CURB DAMAGE: Moderate. The curb was moderately displaced.

RECOMMENDATION: Remove the tree.
REMOVAL CRITERIA: See City of Alameda Tree Removal Policy Section D – All Other Tree Removals, Subsection 2C.

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Photo 1: Looking south at tree #1582. Note thin crown and limited lateral branching along scaffold branches.