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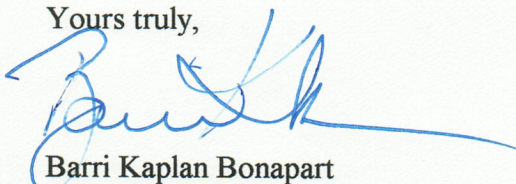
**Re: Objection to Landmark Tree Nomination of Acacia at 2853 Vallejo Street
Hearing June 28, 2011**

Dear Council members:

This is a follow up to our previous objections lodged regarding the application for landmark status of the blackwood acacia located at 2853 Vallejo Street. As the Council may be aware from news accounts, the view dispute between the owner of 2850 Broadway and the owners of 2853 Vallejo resolved by way of a settlement agreement. The terms of the agreement bear directly on whether there is any remaining basis for granting landmark status to the tree.

Specifically, the agreement requires that the acacia in question be lowered substantially in height over the next two years and be kept at that height annually by the tree owners. The attached photograph shows the reduction of crown height as of last week in the first of a set of phased prunings to take place between now and 2013. Because the size of the tree was a major factor in the Council's deliberations regarding this tree, and because much of the crown has now been removed and more is scheduled to be removed over the following two years, a primary factor regarding the appropriateness of landmarking this tree no longer exists. For this, and all the reasons raised in our prior opposition together with the information provided by arborists James MacNair and Dan McKenna, we respectfully request the application be denied as failing to meet the criteria for designation as a landmark tree.

Yours truly,


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