

# Appendix B

## Arborist Report







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# Tree A of Initial Study Fig 15

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# 1

Species: tree of heaven ( Ailanthus altissima )  
Tree location: Back yard next to the corner of the house  
126" Circumference at 4.5 ft above grade / 39" Diameter at 4.5 ft above grade  
# of trunks: 2 Height: 47' Crown spread: 27' Crown ratio: 75 %  
Form: Decurrent Major assymetry

STRUCTURE: poor taper: branches	Codominant forks: x1	Multiple attachments: x2
Included bark: x2	Excessive end weight: branches	cracks/splits: trunk
Wounds/seam:		
Cavity:	Conks/mushrooms:	Bleeding/sap flow:
Loose/ dead bark: trunk		
Dead wood/stubs:	Decay:	Bow, sweep:
		Previous failure:

### TREE CONDITIONS:

Non native tree, is very well known for spreading and becoming a common invasive plant in urban, agricultural and forested areas. This species is currently listed as an unsuitable tree by the city of San Jose.

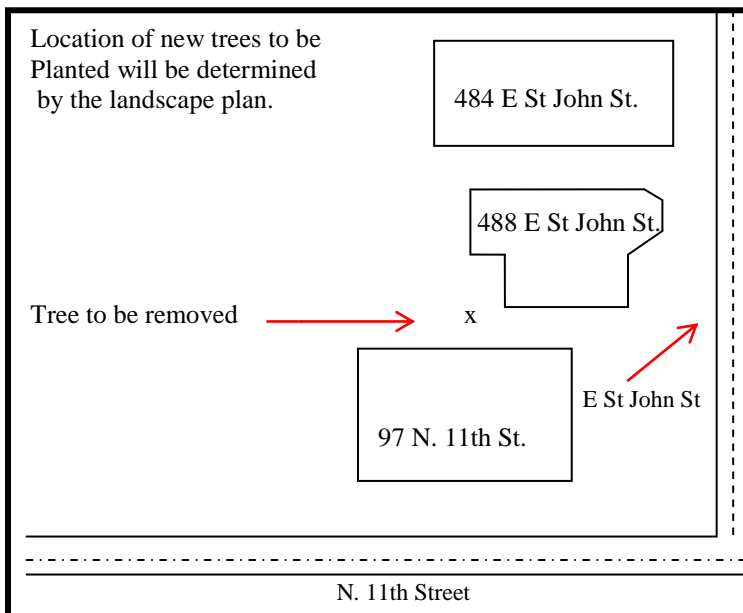
The location where the tree is growing strongly indicates that it was a seed carried by wild life or dispersed by the wind.

I found the tree with several natural defects and irreversible damage, severely topped, poor structure, unbalanced, poor branch taper and weak attachments. These conditions are less than ideal for a mature tree.

A better selection of new trees with an improved planting process will provide a better result in the future.

The current condition of the tree and the proximity from the tree to the house increases the risk for a potential failure, posing a very significant hazard to the existing structures and the public.

### Plot plan:



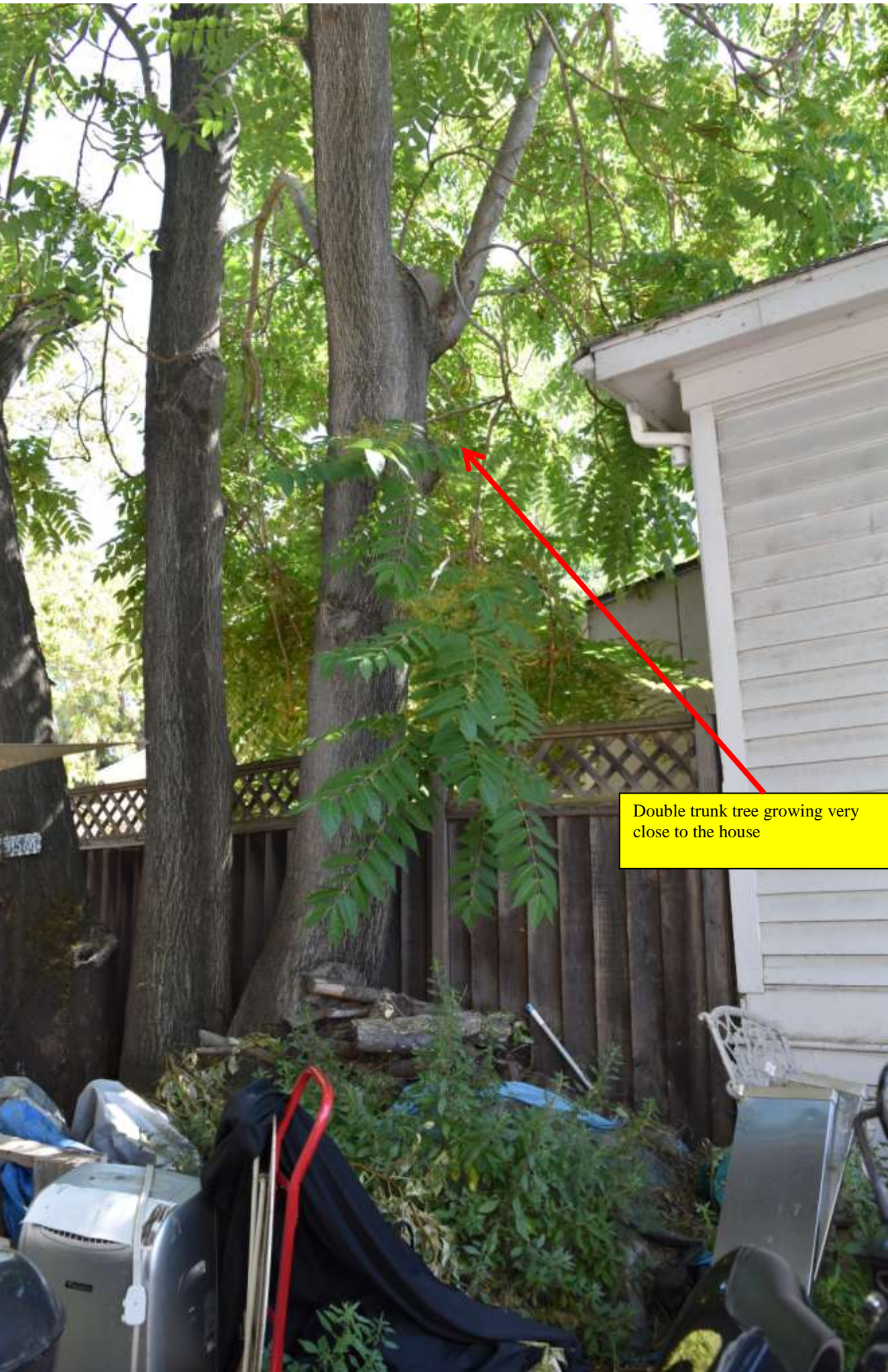
Failure potential: low medium **high** severe

Tree part most likely to fail: branches

Hazard abatement: remove tree, replace with one  
15 gallon European Hornbeam

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Double trunk tree growing very close to the house





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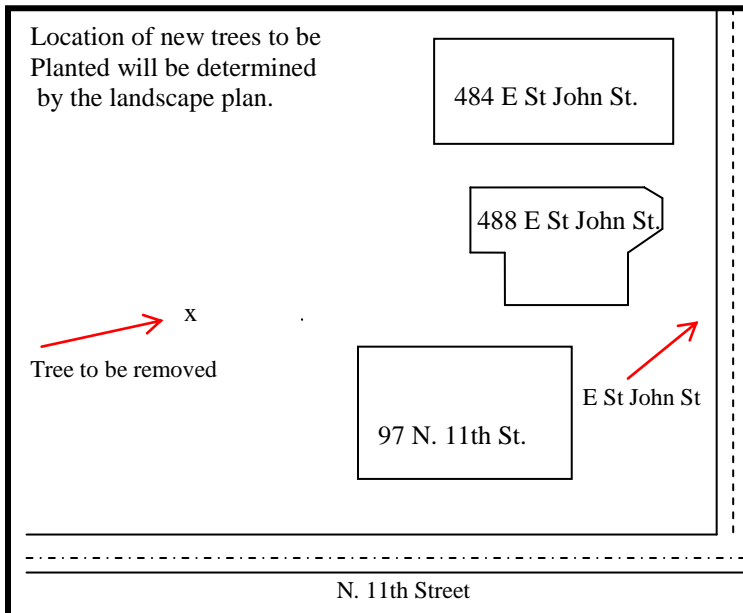
Species: tree of heaven ( Ailanthus altissima )  
Tree location: **Back yard of 488 E Saint John St.** next to the side fence.  
113" Circumference at 4.5 ft above grade / 41" Diameter at 4.5 ft above grade  
# of trunks: 2 Height: 57' Crown spread: 30' Crown ratio: 80 %  
Form: Decurrent Major assymetry

STRUCTURE: poor taper: branches	Codominant forks: x1	Multiple attachments: x2
Included bark: x2	Excessive end weight: branches	cracks/splits: trunk
Wounds/seam:		
Cavity:	Conks/mushrooms:	Bleeding/sap flow:
Loose/ dead bark: trunk		
Dead wood/stubs:	Decay:	Bow, sweep:
Previous failure:		

### TREE CONDITIONS:

Non native tree, is very well known for spreading and becoming a common invasive plant in urban, agricultural and forested areas. This species is currently listed as an unsuitable tree by the city of San Jose.  
The location where the tree is growing strongly indicates that it was a seed carried by wild life or dispersed by the wind.  
I found the tree with several natural defects, poor structure, unbalanced, large branches over the roof areas, leaning towards the neighbors structures and weak attachments. These conditions are less than ideal for a mature tree.  
A better selection of new trees with an improved planting process will provide a better result in the future.  
The current condition of the tree and the proximity from the tree to the structures, increases the risk for a potential failure, posing a very significant hazard to the existing structures and the public.

### Plot plan:



Failure potential: low medium **high** severe  
Tree part most likely to fail: branches  
Hazard abatement: remove tree, replace with one 15 gallon Chitalpa tashkentensis

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# 3

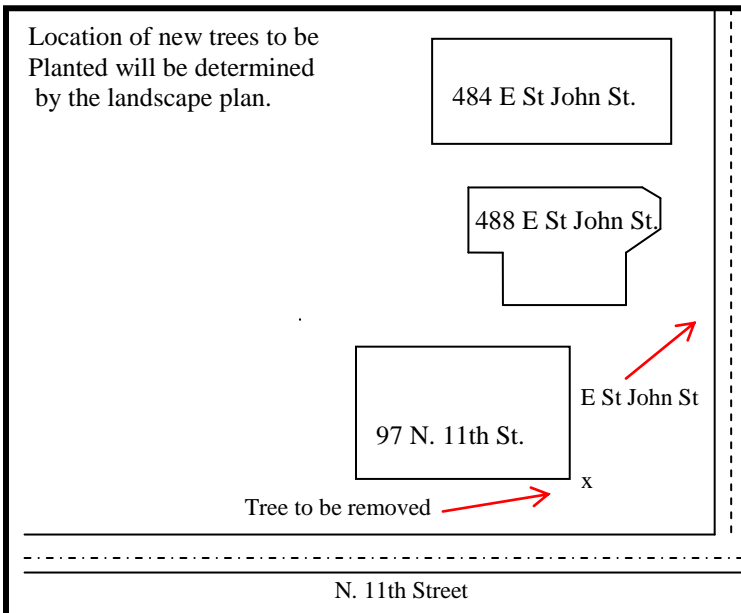
Species: tree of heaven ( Ailanthus altissima )  
Tree location: Front yard next to the corner of the house  
66" Circumference at 4.5 ft above grade / 24" Diameter at 4.5 ft above grade  
# of trunks: 1 Height: 44' Crown spread: 29' Crown ratio: 80 %  
Form: Decurrent Major assymetry

STRUCTURE: poor taper: branches	Codominant forks: x1	Multiple attachments: x1
Included bark: Excessive end weight: branches	cracks/splits:	Wounds/seam:
Cavity: Conks/mushrooms:	Bleeding/sap flow:	Loose/ dead bark: trunk
Dead wood/stubs: Decay:	Bow, sweep:	Previous failure:

TREE CONDITIONS:

Non native tree, is very well known for spreading and becoming a common invasive plant in urban, agricultural and forested areas. This species is currently listed as an unsuitable tree by the city of San Jose.  
The location where the tree is growing strongly indicates that it was a seed carried by wild life or dispersed by the wind.  
I found the tree with several natural defects, poor structure, unbalance, poor branch taper, large branches over the roof area and weak attachments. These conditions are less than ideal for a mature tree.  
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The current condition of the tree and the proximity from the tree to the house increases the risk for a potential failure, posing a very significant hazard to the existing structures and the public.

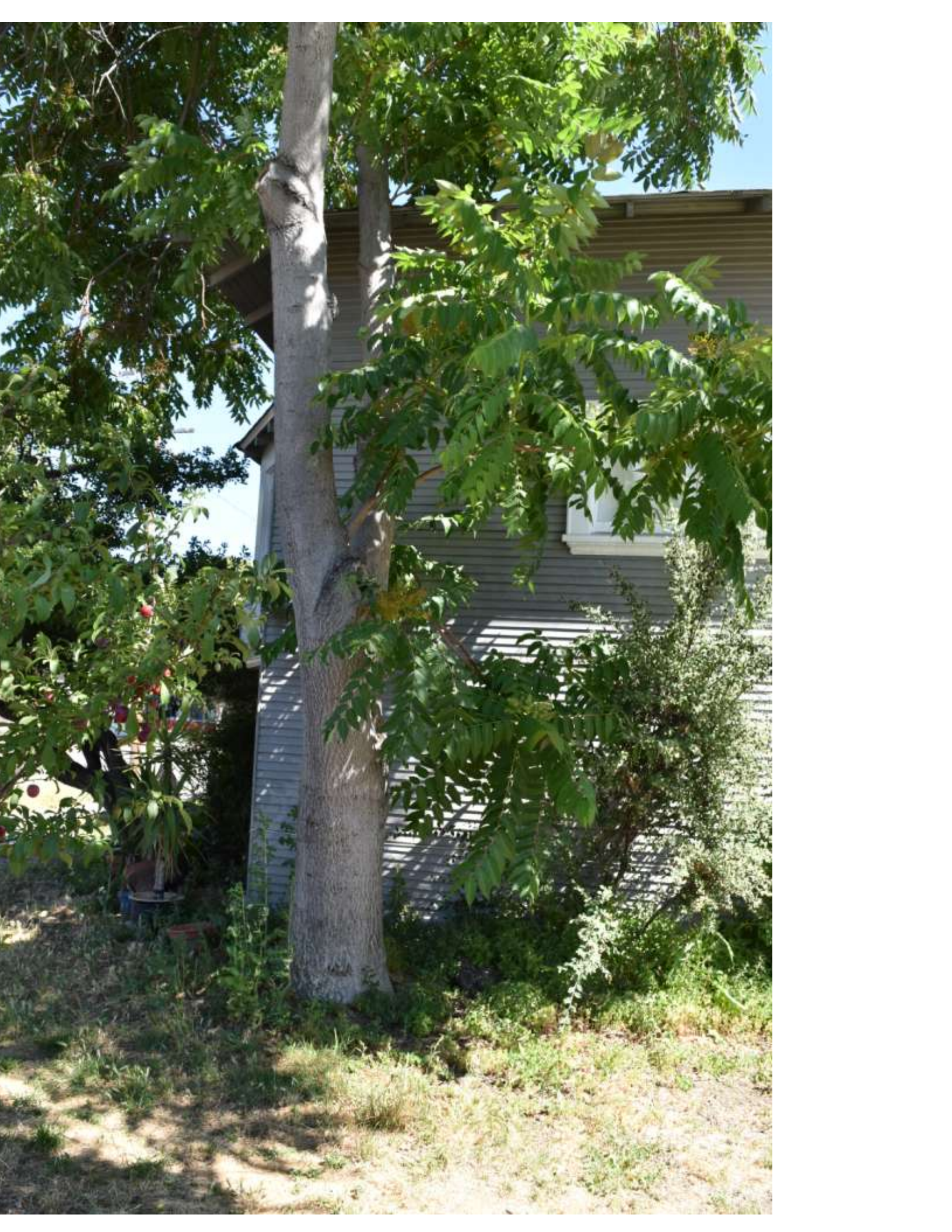
Plot plan:



Failure potential: low medium **high** severe  
Tree part most likely to fail: branches  
Hazard abatement: remove tree, replace with one 15 gallon European Hornbeam

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Species: Canary Island Date Palm ( Phoenix canariensis )

Tree location: Back yard behind the house

115" Circumference at 4.5 ft above grade / 37" Diameter at 4.5 ft above grade

# of trunks: 1 Height: 37' Crown spread: 23' Crown ratio: 65 %

Form: Decurrent Major assymetry

STRUCTURE: poor taper:	Codominant forks:	Multiple attachments:
Included bark:	Excessive end weight:	cracks/splits:
Cavity:	Conks/mushrooms:	Bleeding/sap flow:
Dead wood/stubs:	Decay:	Bow, sweep:
		Wounds/seam:
		Loose/ dead bark:
		Previous failure:

TREE CONDITIONS:

Subject Palm tree native to the Canary Islands growing in the back yard of the property.

In some areas, Phoenix canariensis has proven to be an invasive plant and is listed as invasive in California.

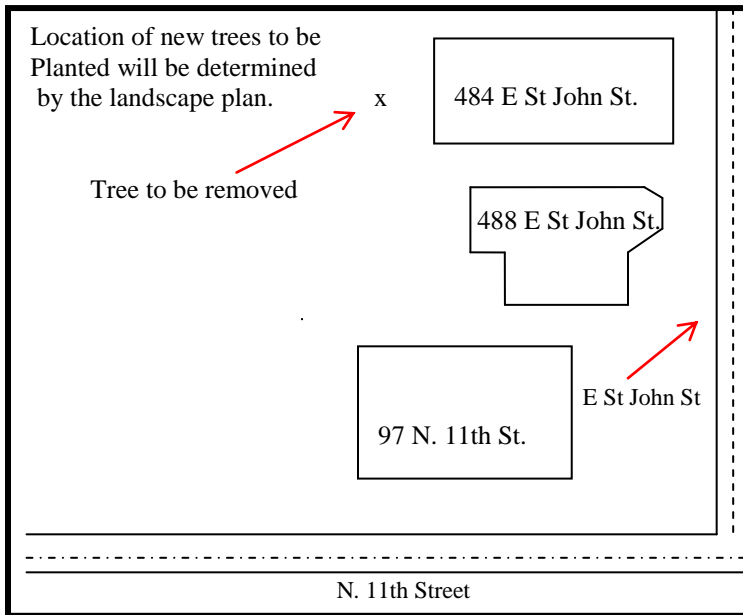
The location where the Palm tree is growing strongly indicates that it was a seed carried by wild life or dispersed by the wind.

I found the tree under stress with very poor crown ratio and a excessive amount of dead and dying fronds.

A better selection of new trees with an improved planting process will provide a better result in the future.

The current condition of the tree and the proximity from the tree to the house increases the risk for a potential failure, posing a very significant hazard to the existing structures and the public.

Plot plan:



Failure potential: low **medium** high severe

Tree part most likely to fail: fronds

Hazard abatement: remove tree, replace with one  
15 gallon European Hornbeam

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# 6

Species: tree of heaven ( Ailanthus altissima )

Tree location: Back yard of 488 E Saint John St. next to the side fence.

78" Circumference at 4.5 ft above grade / 22" Diameter at 4.5 ft above grade

# of trunks: 3 Height: 34' Crown spread: 30' Crown ratio: 90 %

Form: Decurrent Major assymetry

STRUCTURE: poor taper: branches	Codominant forks: x1	Multiple attachments: x2
Included bark: x2	Excessive end weight: branches	cracks/splits: trunk
Wounds/seam:		
Cavity:	Conks/mushrooms:	Bleeding/sap flow: trunk
Loose/ dead bark: trunk		
Dead wood/stubs:	Decay:	Bow, sweep:
Previous failure:		

TREE CONDITIONS:

Non native tree, is very well known for spreading and becoming a common invasive plant in urban, agricultural and forested areas. This species is currently listed as an unsuitable tree by the city of San Jose.

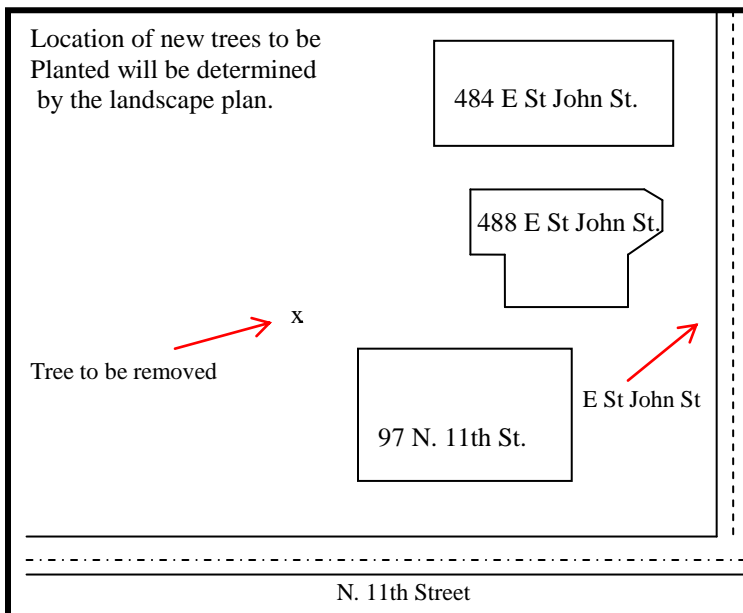
The location where the tree is growing strongly indicates that it was a seed carried by wild life or dispersed by the wind.

I found the tree with several natural defects, poor structure, unbalanced and weak attachments. These conditions are less than ideal for a mature tree.

A better selection of new trees with an improved planting process will provide a better result in the future.

The current condition of the tree and the proximity from the tree to the structure, increases the risk for a potential failure, posing a very significant hazard to the existing structures and the public.

Plot plan:



Failure potential: low medium **high** severe

Tree part most likely to fail: branches

Hazard abatement: remove tree, replace with one 15 gallon Chitalpa tashkentensis

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# 2

Species: tree of heaven ( Ailanthus altissima )  
Tree location: Back yard next to the corner of the house  
69" Circumference at 4.5 ft above grade / 22" Diameter at 4.5 ft above grade  
# of trunks: 1 Height: 33' Crown spread: 16' Crown ratio: 0 %  
Form: Decurrent Major assymetry

STRUCTURE: poor taper: branches Codominant forks: Multiple attachments:  
Included bark: Excessive end weight: branches cracks/splits: trunk Wounds/seam:  
Cavity: 2 Conks/mushrooms: Bleeding/sap flow: Loose/ dead bark: trunk  
Dead wood/stubs: Decay: lower trunk Bow, sweep: Previous failure:

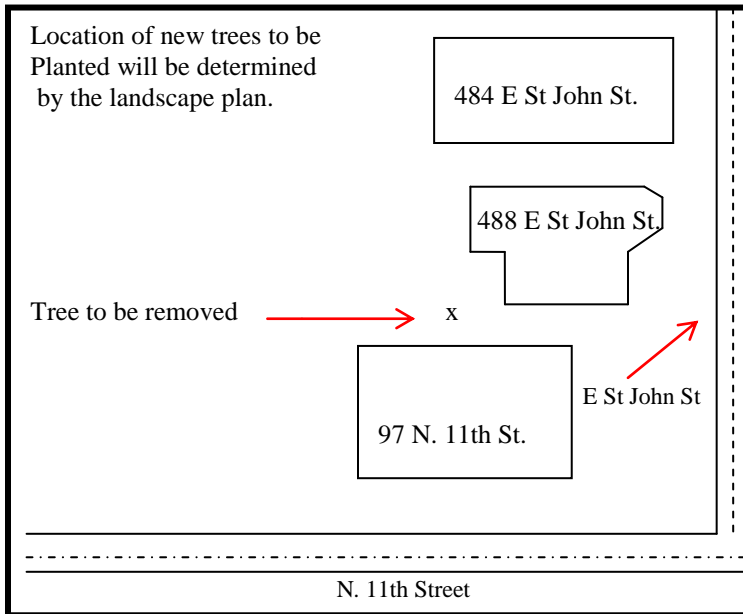
TREE CONDITIONS:

Non native tree, is very well known for spreading and becoming a common invasive plant in urban, agricultural and forested areas. This species is currently listed as an unsuitable tree by the city of San Jose.

**The tree is 100% dead and it should be removed as soon as possible.**

A better selection of new trees with an improved planting process will provide a better result in the future. The current condition of the tree and the proximity from the tree to the house increases the risk for a potential failure, posing a very significant hazard to the existing structures and the public.

Plot plan:



Failure potential: low medium high **severe**

Tree part most likely to fail: branches, whole tree

Hazard abatement: remove tree, replace with one 15 gallon European Hornbeam

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Dead tree



Dead tree



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# 7

Species: Chinese fringe tree ( Chionanthus retusus )

Tree location: **Parking strip of 488 E Saint John St.**

18" Circumference at 4.5 ft above grade / 6" Diameter at 4.5 ft above grade

# of trunks: 1 Height: 10' Crown spread: 6' Crown ratio: 95 %

Form: Decurrent

STRUCTURE: poor taper:

Codominant forks:

Multiple attachments:

Included bark: Excessive end weight:

cracks/splits:

Wounds/seam:

Cavity: Conks/mushrooms:

Bleeding/sap flow:

Loose/ dead bark:

Dead wood/stubs: Decay:

Bow, sweep:

Previous failure:

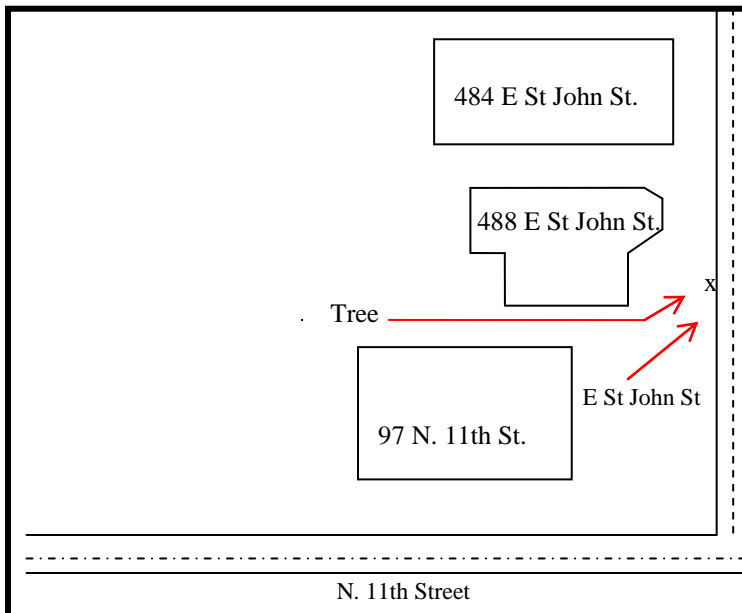
#### TREE CONDITIONS:

Flowering tree native to eastern Asia, deciduous tree, small size and compact shape ideal for the parking strip under the power lines.

The crown of the tree should be thinned out, low branches should be raised, remove dead and dying branches from the tree.

The overall condition of the tree is good, the foliage looks normal, healthy trunk taper and excellent crown ratio.

#### Plot plan:



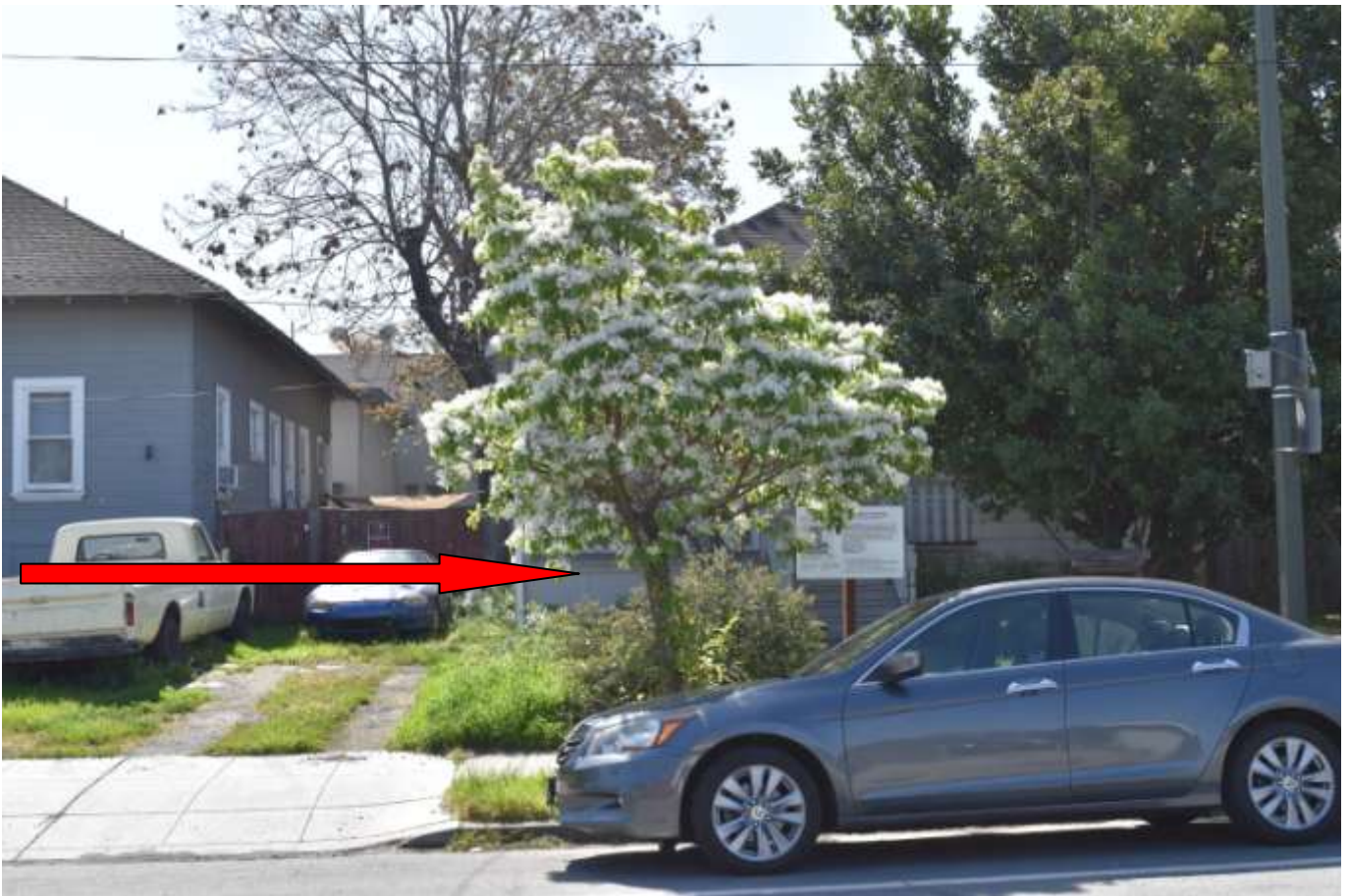
Failure potential: **low** medium high severe

Tree part most likely to fail:

Hazard Abatement: Thin the crown by selective removal of branches to increase light and air penetration, raise low branches, remove dead and dying branches.

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# 8

Species: Chitalpa ( Chitalpa tashkentensis )

Tree location: **Parking strip of 484 E Saint John St.**

35" Circumference at 4.5 ft above grade / 10" Diameter at 4.5 ft above grade

# of trunks: 1 Height: 25' Crown spread: 18' Crown ratio: 95 %

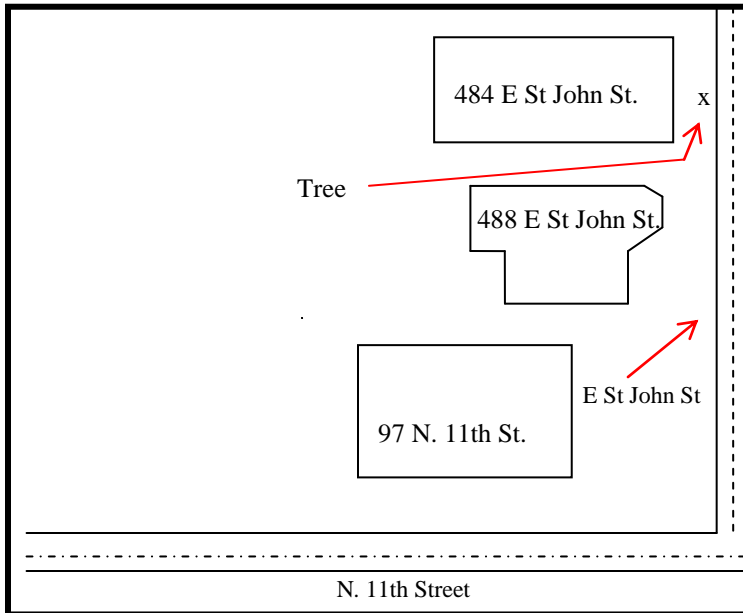
Form: Decurrent

STRUCTURE: poor taper:	Codominant forks:	Multiple attachments:
Included bark:	Excessive end weight:	cracks/splits:
Cavity:	Conks/mushrooms:	Bleeding/sap flow:
Dead wood/stubs:	Decay:	Bow, sweep:
		Wounds/seam:
		Loose/ dead bark:
		Previous failure:

#### TREE CONDITIONS:

Flowering tree drought tolerant , its native habitat are the desert lands of Texas, California and Mexico.  
 The tree is growing next to a utility pole in the parking strip.  
 The overall condition of the tree is normal, but the tree should be trimmed to correct some natural defects.  
 The selection for the species in this location is appropriate, the compact shape and general appearance makes this tree a good selection for a street tree in specific areas.

#### Plot plan:



Failure potential: **low** medium high severe

Tree part most likely to fail:  
Hazard abatement: Thin the crown of the tree by selective removal of branches to increase light and air penetration, raise low branches, remove dead and dying branches.

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# 9

Species: Eastern white cedar ( Thuja occidentalis )

Tree location: **Front yard, in front of 484 E Saint John St. next to the house**

60" Circumference at 4.5 ft above grade / 16" Diameter at 4.5 ft above grade

# of trunks: 2 Height: 24' Crown spread: 7' Crown ratio: 20 %

Form: Excurrent Major assymetry

STRUCTURE: poor taper: trunk	Codominant forks: 1	Multiple attachments: 1
Included bark: Excessive end weight:	cracks/splits: trunk	Wounds/seam:
Cavity: Conks/mushrooms:	Bleeding/sap flow:	Loose/ dead bark: trunk
Dead wood/stubs: Decay: trunk	Bow, sweep:	Previous failure:

TREE CONDITIONS:

Subject tree is native to eastern Canada.

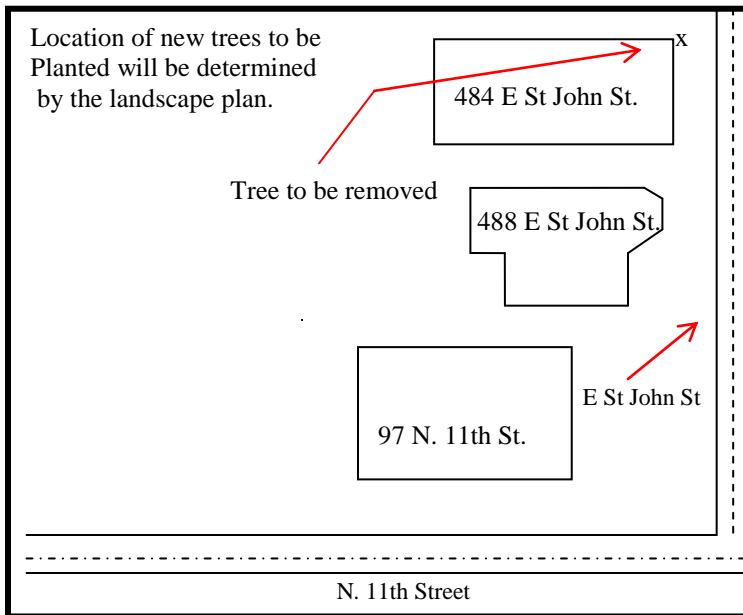
This tree could have been somebody's Christmas tree and could have been planted after the holiday season.

The tree is growing 10" away from the house and it will qualify as an unsuitable tree in the city of San Jose.

The tree is currently very unhealthy and dying, I found the tree with very poor structure, low crown ratio, topped, trunk decay and with a deformed shape.

The current condition of the tree and the proximity from the tree to the house increases the risk for a potential failure, posing a very significant hazard to the existing structures and the public.

Plot plan:



Failure potential: low **medium** high severe

Tree part most likely to fail: fronds

Hazard abatement: remove tree, replace with one 15 gallon Magnolia grandiflora 'Little Gem'

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# 10

### 10 Non-ordinance size trees located within the 3 lots:

1- Mock Orange ( *Pittosporum tobira* ) located in front of 97 N. 11th Street.  
37" in Circumference at 4.5 feet above grade.

**TREE CONDITIONS:**

Evergreen plant native to Japan.  
The color of the foliage looks normal and the overall condition is good.

2- Mock Orange ( *Pittosporum tobira* ) located in front of 97 N. 11th Street.  
25" in Circumference at 4.5 feet above grade.

**TREE CONDITIONS:**

Evergreen plant native to Japan.  
The color of the foliage looks normal and overall condition is good.

3- Japanese euonymus ( *Euonymus japonicus* ) located in front of 97 N. 11th Street.  
36" in Circumference at 4.5 feet above grade.

**TREE CONDITIONS:**

Evergreen plant native to Japan, Korea and China.  
Subject plant is dying, poor crown ratio, dead bark and poor structure.

4- Toyon tree ( *Heteromeles arbutifolia* ) located in front of 488 E Saint John Street.  
37" in Circumference at 4.5 feet above grade.

**TREE CONDITIONS:**

Evergreen tree native to Oregon, California, Baja California and British Columbia.  
The foliage looks normal, healthy structure and few natural defects.

5- Bottlebrush ( *Callistemon* ) located in front of 484 E Saint John Street.  
34" in Circumference at 4.5 feet above grade.

**TREE CONDITIONS:**

Evergreen tree native to Australia.  
The foliage looks normal, tree is leaning towards the sidewalk and with a healthy crown ratio.

6- Fig tree ( *Ficus carica* ) located in the back yard of 484 E Saint John Street.  
36" in Circumference at 4.5 feet above grade.

**TREE CONDITIONS:**

Fruit tree native to Asia.  
The tree is very overgrown with several suckers growing from the root system and lack of maintenance.

7- Tree of heaven ( Ailanthus altissima ) located in the back yard of 484 E Saint John Street.  
22" in Circumference at 4.5 feet above grade.

**TREE CONDITIONS:**

Deciduous tree native to China.

The tree is covered with Ivy and is in very poor condition.

8- Tree of heaven ( Ailanthus altissima ) located in the back yard of 484 E Saint John Street  
30" in Circumference at 4.5 feet above grade.

**TREE CONDITIONS:**

Deciduous tree native to China.

The tree is completely covered with Ivy and is in very poor conditions.

9- Plum tree ( Prunus subg ) located in the back yard of 488 E Saint John Street.  
13" in Circumference at 4.5 feet above grade.

**TREE CONDITIONS:**

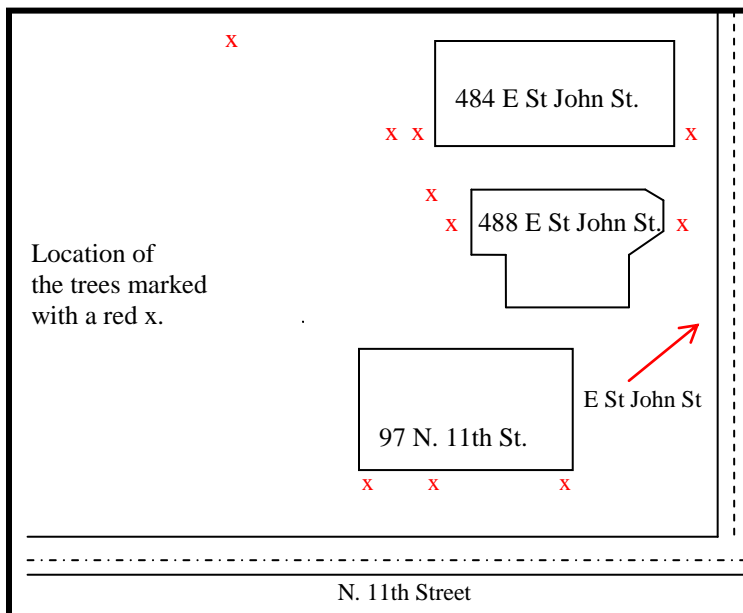
Very young non-native fruit tree.

10- Fig tree ( Ficus carica ) located in the back yard of 484 E Saint John Street.  
7" in Circumference at 4.5 feet above grade.

**TREE CONDITIONS:**

Very young non-native fruit tree.

Plot plan:



Only 1 out of 10 trees is native to the area.

Hazard abatement: Remove all 10 trees and shrubs.

Plant the following trees:

4 ( 15 gallon ) Carpinus betulus

3 ( 15 gallon ) Laurus nobilis 'Saratoga'

3 ( 15 gallon ) Lophostemon confertus

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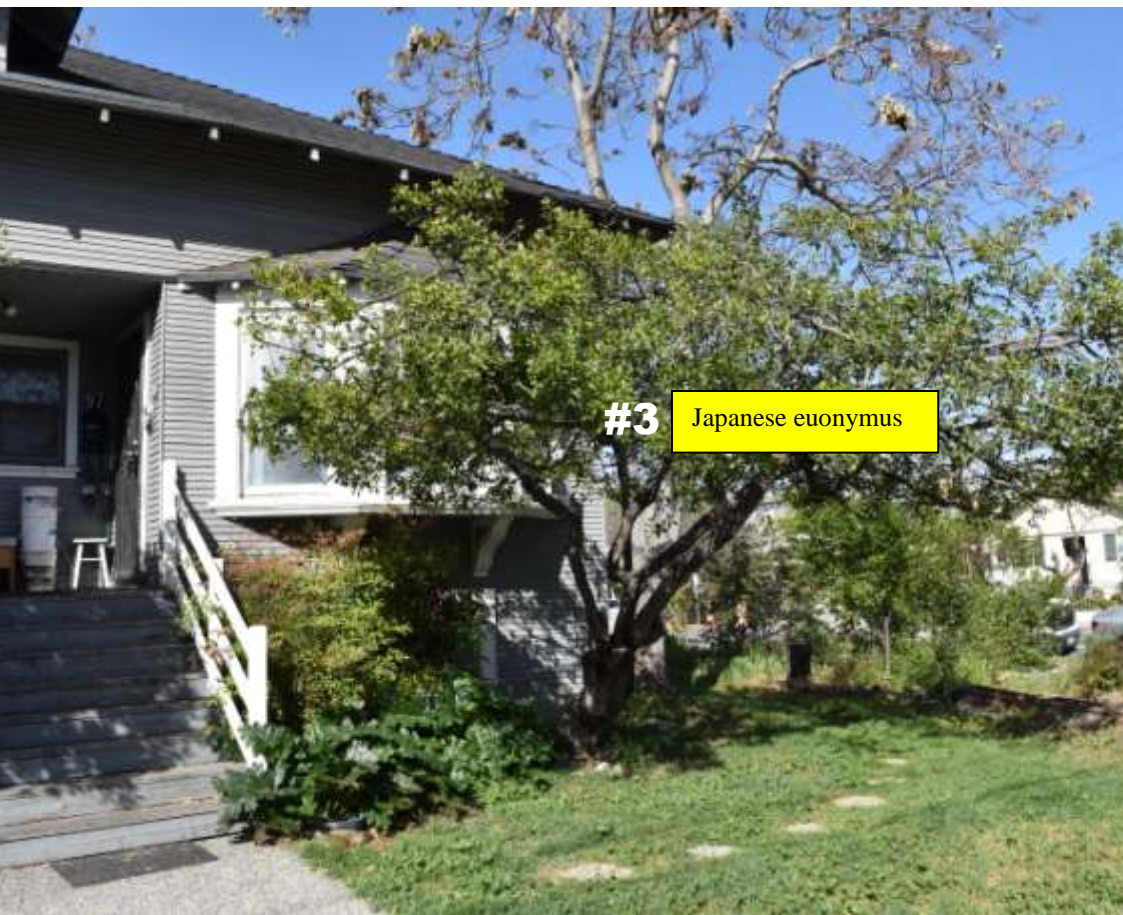
#1

Mock Orange



#2

Mock Orange



#3 Japanese euonymus



#4 Toyon tree



**#5**

**Bottlebrush**



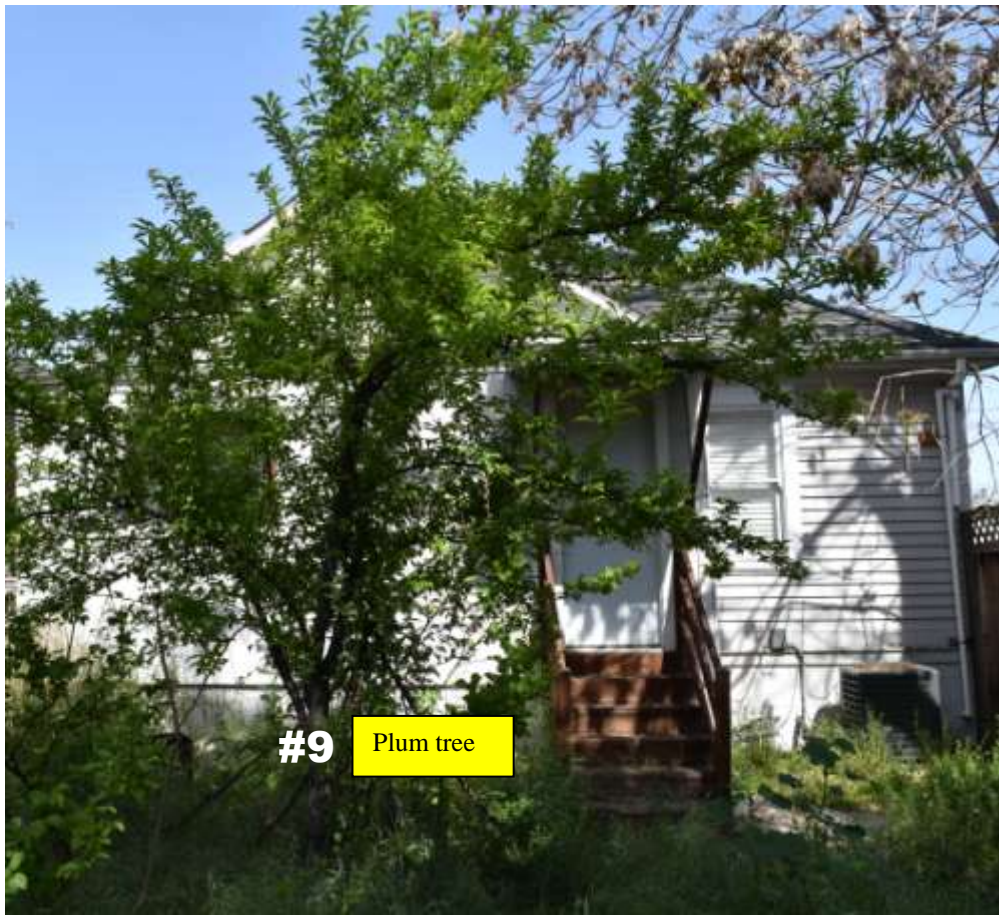
#6 Fig tree



#7

Tree of heaven

#8 Tree of heaven





#10

Fig tree