

SUNRISE PRESIDIO EAST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Trees and SPE HOA and BOD Plan: Thinning our Tree Population

As our neighborhood ages, we have experienced many physical changes over the years. Those homeowners, who have been here since the development began in the late eighties, remember sparse cactus and tiny trees.

The Landscape Committee and the Board have had to deal with the passing of time causing overrunning brittle bush and run away prickly pear in our common areas. Previous thinning out projects have helped us reduce fire hazards, pack rats homes and generally helped the overall appearance of our neighborhood.

We are now facing a larger landscaping dilemma as our common area trees grow quite large. Invasive mistletoe is present and many of the trees are lifting sidewalks, and roots are causing destructive issues on homeowner's property.

As time goes on, these problems will only increase. The Board is facing continued liability to fix damage to homeowner's property and potential for liability of personal injury. Mistletoe removal is costly and perpetual as is thinning or pruning larger trees.

The trees planted in the common areas are not native to this area and the developers did not have proper foresight to predict our current and future consequences for planting them. The Board has adopted a policy of thinning the population of trees over time to get our common areas closer to a more natural low profile state. This is particularly focused on "foreign", non-native trees and replacement, if possible, with more low maintenance plants.

We will continue to maintain the clean, well-manicured look we all want, but with less upkeep and cost.

The Board welcomes your comments on its current direction for landscaping in the common areas.

If you have an interest in being involved in the upcoming changes, please contact John Kavazanjian to let us know!

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On Behalf of Your SPE HOA Board of Directors

