



**HERITAGE TREE NOMINATION FORM
CITY OF ENCINITAS
PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

505 South Vulcan Avenue
Encinitas CA 92024
Phone (760) 633-2710

Application No. _____
Date of Application: _____
Community Area: _____

Please complete the following. Submit the completed form in person at the Planning and Building Department or by mail to the address above.

APPLICANT:

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Organization: Encinitas Save the Trees Committee Phone: (760) 436-1379
Address: 1662 Caudor Street
City: Encinitas State CA Zip 92024

Sheila S. Cameron
Signature of Applicant

9/14/2016 & 9/7/2017
Date

Sheila S. Cameron
Print or Type Signatory's Name

**If the tree/s is/are on private property, the property owner must provide written authorization.
Provide a copy of the Grant Deed for ownership verification.
Applications not properly authorized or submitted without a Grant Deed will be rejected.**

PROPERTY OWNER(S):

Name: City of Encinitas Phone: (760) 633-2601
(Last, First, Middle Initial) email: _____
Address: 505 South Vulcan Avenue
City: Encinitas State: CA Zip: 92024

Signature of Applicant, Owner or Authorized Agent* Date

Print or Type Signatory's Name

*If applicant or authorized agent signs for owner, provide a letter of authorization signed by owner.

TREE INFORMATION

Location: All of Second Street (including 665-669) and All of Third Street (including 1011)
(Please provide property address or nearest property address if possible.)

Nearest Cross Street/s: B through K Streets

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TREE INFORMATION (continued)

Tree Species: Ficus microcarpa 'nitida'

Estimated Height: 50-60 feet Est. Canopy Width: 30-40 feet Est. trunk diameter*: 2 feet

*Trunk diameter should be estimated approximately 4½ feet above the ground.

Condition (health): Excellent Health; strong beautiful Ficus Microcarpa 'nitida' trees

Estimated Planting Date: 1960s

Specific proof of planting date may be difficult to determine, but an estimate based on the age of surrounding development and/or the size of the tree is adequate.

HISTORY AND NOTES

Provide any history or notes you have about this tree or these trees. Please feel free to attach any additional history information separately. Include photos of the nominated tree/s with this nomination form. PHOTOS OF THE TREE/S ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS FORM TO BE ACCEPTED.

These magnificent Legacy Ficus Microcarpa 'nitida' trees exactly meet the qualifications for Heritage

Tree designation:

- (1) Tree of Community Significance
- (2) Some of the oldest and largest of its species
- (3) Historic significance due to an association with an historic building, site, street, person or event
- (4) Or is a defining landmark or significant feature of a neighborhood

See attached History & Notes & Photographs

HISTORY AND NOTES

The ficus trees that grow in Historic Encinitas were planted by volunteers (we believe this was done by the local Chamber of Commerce and/or Rotary Club) in the 1960s. A legacy and birthright of Encinitans, as well as future generations, these 50+ year old trees enhance the value, beauty and serenity of their surroundings, bringing joy to residents and business owners alike.

Constituting the heart of our urban core, gracing Second and Third Streets, parallel to Highway 101, and on all cross streets from B Street through K Street, these majestic ficus tree provide a "natural canopy corridor," much like a forest path through our town. Attracting visitors and residents, providing shade, beauty, charm and livability to our community this grove helps lessen heat, pollution, and greenhouse gases – vital considerations given the state-mandated requirement to prepare a Climate Action Plan. Failure to designate these trees as Heritage Trees may eventually lead to their removal resulting in additional costs to the City to compensate for their loss – not to mention significant reductions in the community's air and aesthetic qualities. The grand ficus trees also provide essential shelter and food for many diverse bird species, the loss of which would constitute a significant impact on our local environment.

The downtown ficus trees are of community significance given their age (50+ years old), extraordinary maturity (see attached photos), rarity in the region (no other cities in San Diego County are known to have a grove akin to this one), and defining aesthetic along the B to K Street corridor. Thus, we meet the criteria required under the Urban Forest Management Program for designation of the subject ficus trees for Heritage status.

We also note that ficus trees are exceedingly amenable to pruning which can lessen root invasiveness. It is our recommendation that upon approval of the designation of these ficus trees as Heritage Trees, the Planning Commission direct City staff to develop a routine trimming and pruning maintenance schedule to ensure their continued vitality.

As pointed out in the City's Urban Forest Management Program, we must recognize the importance of trees throughout our urban environment given their inherent benefits of "improved air and water quality, reduced erosion and stormwater runoff, energy conservation, improved health, enhanced livability, traffic calming, noise reduction and increased property values and providing habitat for animals." This urban grove of ficus tree is vital to our community demanding this nomination, and ultimately their designation, as Heritage Trees protected under the City's jurisdiction. We expect the staff, Environmental Advisory Committee and the Planning Commission will agree.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration,

Sheila S. Cameron
Encinitas Save Our Trees Committee



FICUS ENCINITAS

The neighborhood of old Encinitas has a charm that few other downtowns have managed to achieve. Primary contributors to this charm are trees, in particular the large figs (*Ficus microcarpa*) that far-sighted individuals planted along the streets about 60 years ago. We are the lucky inheritors of this legacy.

These majestic trees provide shade, clean the air, and lend an unmatched visual appeal to several of the classic streetscapes of our town. They are home to a large number of birds and other animals that allow us moments of natural beauty during our day. Walking through town in the presence of these trees gives a sense of renewal that is hard to explain but is part of the unique feel of this part of Encinitas.

Individual efforts often don't take the whole of this effect into account and can erode these benefits over time. The Encinitas Heritage Tree ordinance was created in part to recognize trees that have become a "significant outstanding feature of a neighborhood" and help retain such public benefits by making us think a little bit farther in time and beyond the narrow interests of the current moment. This is precisely what we hope to do for our neighborhood, so our children will also feel as we do about this beautiful city.

Naturally, individual property owners adjacent to street trees can have legitimate concerns about the impact of the trees. It's important that we recognize the rights of these owners and the contribution they make to the public good by accommodating these large trees. Luckily, safety is not a concern – figs have little trouble with disease or falling limbs. With regular maintenance the trees can also be good neighbors when it comes to invasive roots and other long-term potential problems (now that the city has agreed to give the trees a regular trimming this problem should be minimized).

Please consider the 47 trees listed on the following pages for Heritage Tree status.

Bruce Ritchings, Sheila Cameron, Mark Jenne, and many others

15 November 2016 (revised 17 October 2017)

EncinitasSaveTheTrees@gmail.com

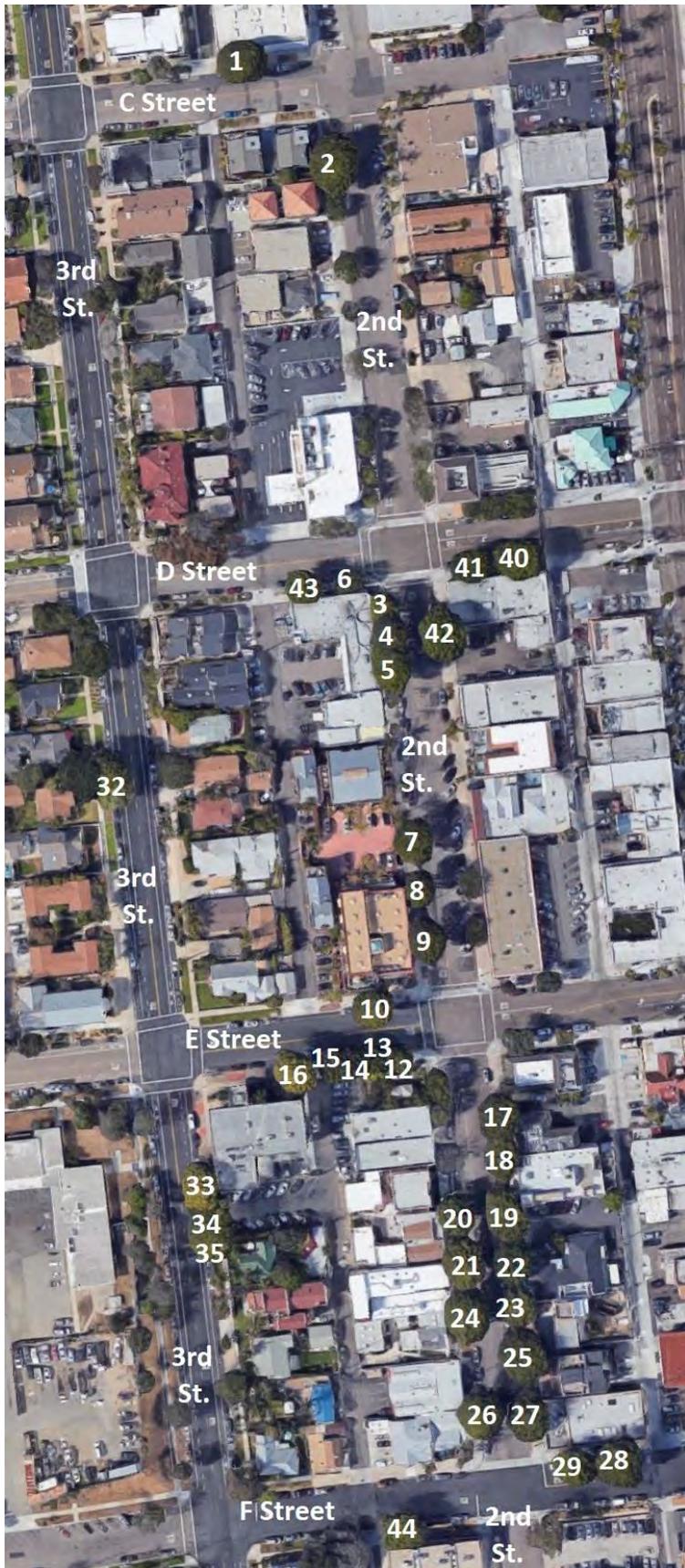
INDEX OF DOWNTOWN FICUS (numbers/addresses per WCA assessment of 1 August 2017)

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 1) 364 C ST, Side 2 | 22) 655 2ND ST, Front 1 | 44) 700 F ST /W, Front 2 |
| 2) 402 2ND ST, Front 2 | 23) 655 2ND ST, Front 2 | 47) 120 I ST /W, Front 2 |
| 3) 510 2ND ST, Front 1 | 24) 660 2ND ST, Front 1 | 48) 222 J ST /W, Front 1 |
| 4) 510 2ND ST, Front 2 | 25) 669 2ND ST, Front 1 | 49) 222 J ST /W, Front 2 |
| 5) 510 2ND ST, Front 3 | 26) 682 2ND ST, Front 1 | 50) 222 J ST /W, Front 3 |
| 6) 510 D ST /W, Side 1 | 27) 687 2ND ST, Front 1 | 51) 222 J ST /W, Front 4 |
| 7) 550 2ND ST, Front 3 | 28) 687 F ST /W, Side 1 | 52) Very West end of G street (not on WCA list) |
| 8) 580 2ND ST, Front 1 | 29) 965 2ND ST, Front 1 | |
| 9) 580 2ND ST, Front 2 | 30) 965 2ND ST, Front 1 | |
| 10) 580 E ST /W, Side 2 | 31) 965 2ND ST, Front 2 | |
| 12) 605 E ST /W, Side 1 | 32) 528 3RD ST, Front 1 | |
| 13) 605 E ST /W, Side 2 | 33) 605 3RD ST, Front 1 | |
| 14) 215 E ST /W, Front 1 | 34) 605 3RD ST, Front 2 | |
| 15) 215 E ST /W, Front 2 | 35) 605 3RD ST, Front 3 | |
| 16) 215 E ST /W, Front 3 | 36) 1011 3RD ST, Front 1 | |
| 17) 621 2ND ST, Front 1 | 37) 1011 3RD ST, Front 2 | |
| 18) 621 2ND ST, Front 2 | 40) 143 D ST /W, Front 1 | |
| 19) 629 2ND ST, Front 1 | 41) 143 D ST /W, Front 2 | |
| 20) 642 2ND ST, Front 1 | 42) 149 2ND ST, Side 2 | |
| 21) 650 2ND ST, Front 1 | 43) 215 D ST /W, Front 1 | |

Notes:

1. WCA trees 11, 38, 39, 45, and 46 are not included because these trees are not being submitted for Heritage status.

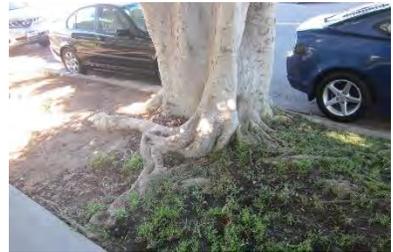
2. Picture sections that follow show the WCA listed address followed by the observed address in parentheses.







TREE 1 (city ref. 4988ETREE)
364 C ST, Side 2
(C Street between 2nd Street and 3rd Street)



TREE 2 (city ref. 5049ETREE)
402 2ND ST, Front 2
(402/416 2nd Street)



TREE 3 (city ref. 5040ETREE)
510 2ND ST, Front 1
(500 2nd Street
north tree)



TREE 4 (city ref. 5039ETREE)

510 2ND ST, Front 2

**(500 2nd Street south
tree)**



TREE 5 (city ref. 5038ETREE)
510 2ND ST, Front 3
(520 2nd Street)



TREE 6

**510 2ND ST /W, Side 1
(207 D Street)**

(city ref. 4851ETREE)





TREE 7 (city ref. 5033ETREE)
550 2ND ST, Front 3
(south of 520 2nd Street)

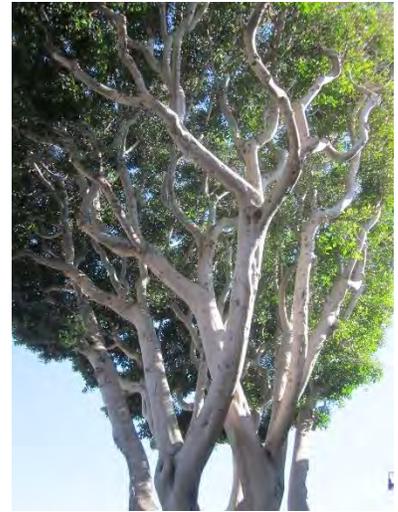


TREE 8

(city ref. 5032ETREE)

580 2ND ST, Front 1

**(580 2nd Street north
tree)**



TREE 9 (city ref. 5031ETREE)
580 2ND ST, Front 2
(580 2nd Street south tree)



TREE 10 (city ref. 4760ETREE)

580 E ST /W, Side 2

**(north side of E Street
between 2nd and 3rd
Streets)**



TREE 12 (city ref. 4771ETREE)

605 E ST /W, Side 1

**(south side of E Street
between 2nd and 3rd
Streets; east tree)**



**(south side
of E Street
between
2nd and
3rd Streets)**



TREE 13 (city ref. 4772ETREE)

605 E ST /W, Side 2



TREE 14 (city ref. 4773ETREE)
215 E ST /W, Front 1
(south side of E Street
between 2nd and 3rd
Streets)



TREE 15 (city ref. 4774ETREE)

215 E ST /W, Front 2

**(south side of E Street
between 2nd and 3rd
Streets)**



TREE 16 (city ref. 4775ETREE)
215 E ST /W, Front 3
(south side of E Street
between 2nd and 3rd
Streets; west tree)



TREE 17 (city ref. 5113ETREE)
621 2ND ST, Front 1
(621 2nd Street north
tree)



TREE 18 (city ref. 5114ETREE)
621 2ND ST, Front 2
(621 2nd Street south
tree)



TREE 19 (city ref. 5115ETREE)

629 2ND ST, Front 1 (629 2nd Street)





TREE 20 (city ref. 5109ETREE)
642 2ND ST, Front 1
(628 2nd Street)



TREE 21 (city ref. 5108ETREE)
650 2ND ST, Front 1
(650 2nd Street)



TREE 22 (city ref. 5116ETREE)

655 2ND ST, Front 1

(655 2nd Street)



TREE 23 (city ref. 5117ETREE)
655 2ND ST, Front 2
(669 2nd Street)



TREE 24 (city ref. 5107ETREE)

660 2ND ST, Front 1

(660 2nd Street)



TREE 25 (city ref. 5118ETREE)
669 2ND ST, Front 1
(683 2nd Street)



TREE 26 (city ref. 5102ETREE)

682 2ND ST, Front 1

(682 2nd Street)



TREE 27 (city ref. 5119ETREE)
687 2ND ST, Front 1
(687 2nd Street)



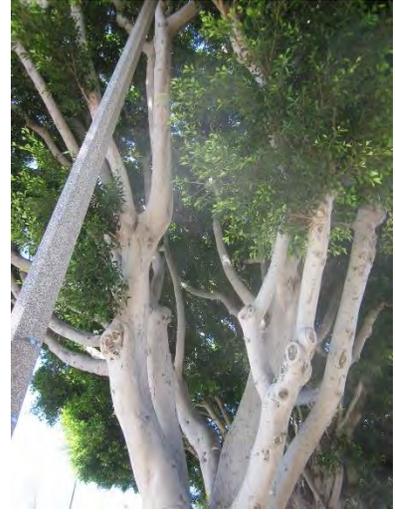
TREE 28 (city ref. 5695ETREE)

687 F ST /W, Side 1

**(F Street, second tree east
of 2nd Street, by Encinitas
Glass at 687 2nd Street)**



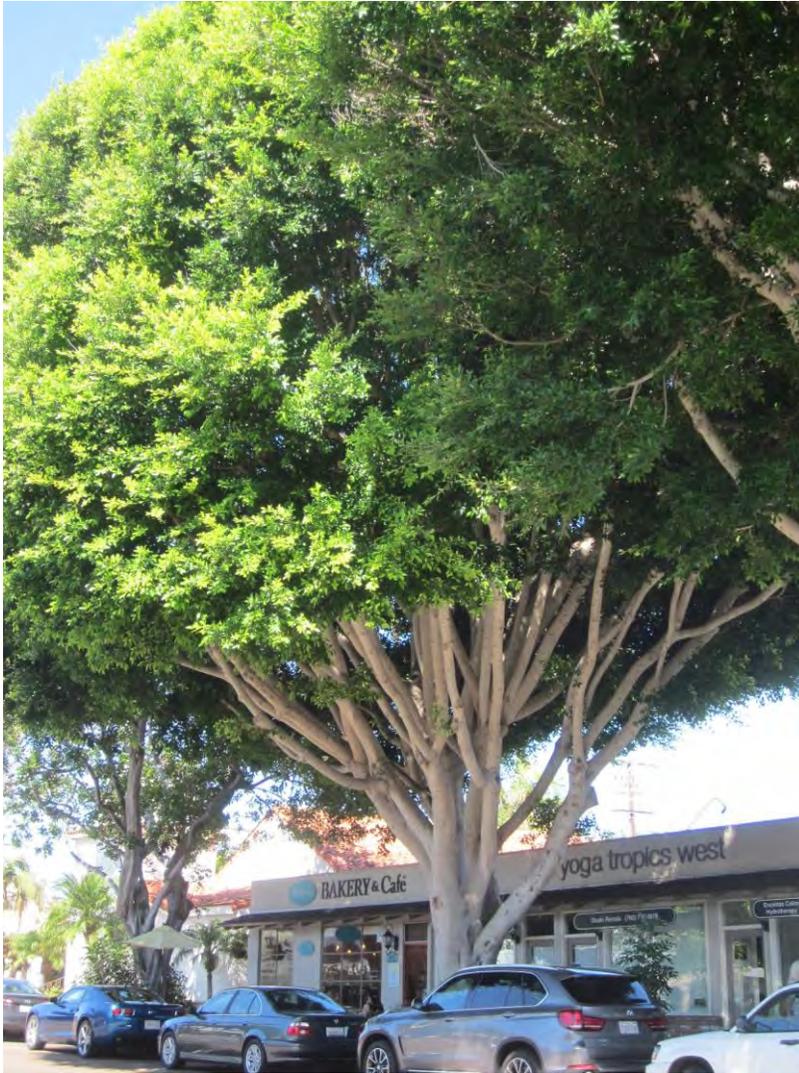
TREE 29 (city ref. 5696ETREE)
965 2ND ST, Front 1
(F Street just east of 2nd
Street, by 687 2nd Street)



TREE 30 (city ref 5952ETREE)

965 2ND ST, Front 1

**(965 2nd Street south
tree)**



TREE 31 (city ref. 25713ETREE)
965 2ND ST, Front 2
(965 2nd Street north
tree)



TREE 32 (city ref. 4819ETREE)

528 3RD ST, Front 1

(528 3rd Street)



TREE 33 (city ref. 5714ETREE)
605 3RD ST, Front 1
(605 3rd Street north
tree)



TREE 34

(city ref. 5713ETREE)

605 3RD ST, Front 2

**(605 3rd Street
middle tree)**



TREE 35 (city ref. 5712ETREE):

605 3RD ST, Front 3

(605 3rd Street south tree)





TREE 36 (city ref. 5866ETREE)
1011 3RD ST, Front 1
(1011 3rd Street, north
tree)



TREE 37 (city ref. 5867ETREE)
1011 3RD ST, Front 2
(1011 3rd Street, south tree)



TREE 40 (city ref. 4849ETREE)
143 D ST /W, Front 1
(137 D Street; was
Kealani's)



TREE 41 (city ref. 4850ETREE)
143 D ST /W, Front 2
(149 D Street)



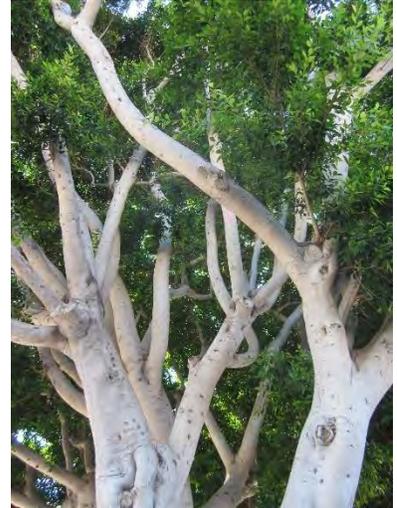
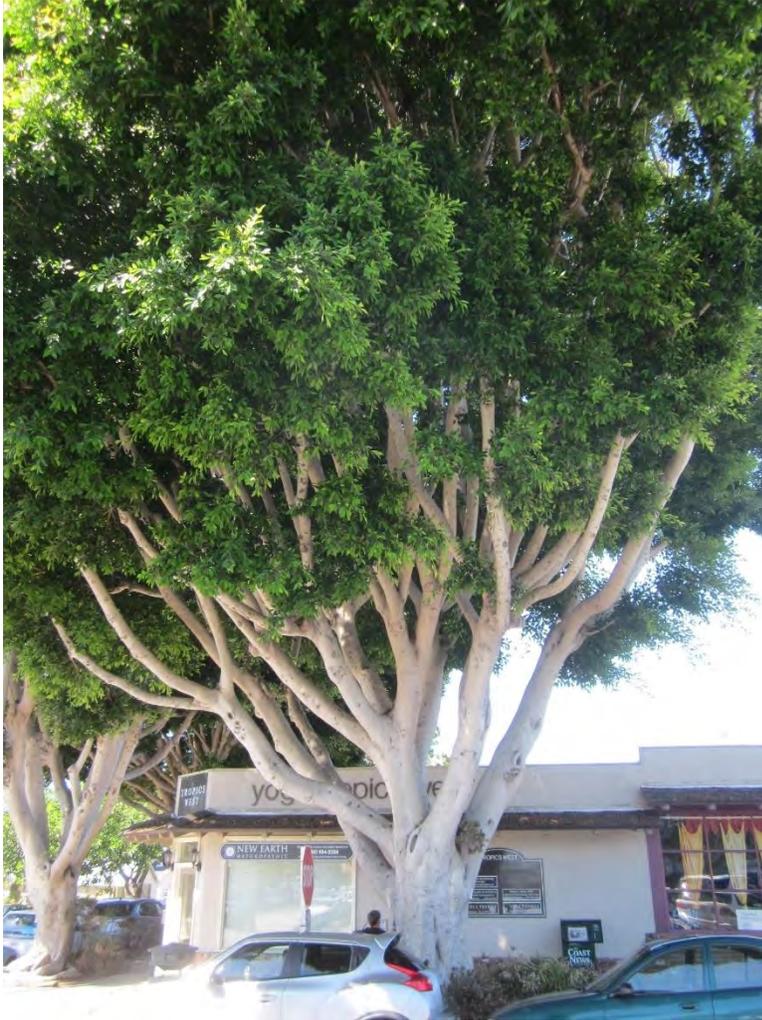
TREE 42 (city ref. 5025ETREE)
149 2ND ST, Side 2
(2nd Street south of D St.
west of 149 D Street)



TREE 43 (city ref. 4852ETREE)
215 D ST /W, Front 1
(215 D Street)



TREE 44 (city ref. 5688ETREE)
700 F ST /W, Front 2
(F Street between 2nd and
3rd Street, north of 700
2nd Street)



TREE 47 (city ref 5924ETREE)
120 I ST /W, Front 2
(west of 120 I Street)



TREE 48 (city ref. 5904ETREE)
222 J ST /W, Front 1
(224 J Street)



TREE 49

(city ref. 5903ETREE)

222 J ST /W, Front 2

(222 J Street)



TREE 50 (city ref. 5905ETREE)

222 J ST /W, Front 3

(228 J Street)



TREE 51 (city ref. 5906ETREE)

222 J ST /W, Front 4 (230 J Street)





TREE 52 (city ref. newETREE)

very West end of G street





Never say there is nothing beautiful in the world anymore. There is always something to make you wonder in the shape of a tree, the trembling of a leaf. – Albert Schweitzer