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June 6, 2016

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**NOTICE OF DECISION REGARDING HERITAGE TREE PERMIT HEARING FOR  
1417 N. HUNTER STREET, STOCKTON, CA**

Dear Mr. Mariani:

As you know, I have been delegated by the Director of Community Development the responsibility to conduct the hearing for your application requesting removal of two heritage oak trees at 1417 N. Hunter Street. The hearing was conducted on June 6, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. At the hearing, I heard your request, including the concerns you mentioned about safety and potential loss of tree limbs, interference with overhead utilities, and potential damage to the office building on the site; heard from Public Works staff; reviewed the arborist's report; and heard from members of the community

After considering the testimony of all who attended the hearing today and reviewing the written materials provided to me, I have decided to deny issuance of the heritage tree permit. As a result, the heritage trees shall not be removed.

This decision is based on the factors listed in Stockton Municipal Code, Section 16.130.030.C.1, including:

- a. The healthy condition of the trees, as indicated in the arborist's report, the lack of information indicating any hazardous conditions, and the recommendation of the arborist to properly maintain the trees in order to preserve their condition.
- b. The lack of necessity to remove the trees in order to construct any proposed improvements.
- c. The lack of unique topographical conditions on the site.
- d. The number of recent tree removals in the neighborhood and the concerns expressed by community members about continued tree loss.

This decision may be appealed to the City Council by filing an appeal with the City Clerk within ten days of this decision in compliance with Chapter 16.100 of the Stockton Municipal Code.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Victor Machado at (209) 937-8899 or by email at [Victor.Machado@stocktonca.gov](mailto:Victor.Machado@stocktonca.gov).

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