

Justice for Illegally Removed Trees on Old Ranch Road



Throughout the Westside, trees play a major role in making our neighborhoods wonderful and distinct places to live and enjoy. Mike and neighbors from the Sullivan Canyon area of Brentwood won a victory on behalf of trees in June, when they successfully convinced the City's Board of Public Works to hold a developer accountable for three protected trees - including an irreplaceable California Sycamore - that were callously chopped down as two large mansions were being built.

The Board decision upheld an earlier ruling that the illegal removal of the protected trees should result in revoking the developer's building permits for the site and prohibit the developer from getting any new building permits for the next five years. The severe and just penalty will not bring the trees back, but it will go a long way to making sure protected trees stay protected from developers who don't want to risk the wrath of nature's allies in City Hall.