

# City of Burlingame

**Definition of a Street Tree Themed Block:** A street tree themed block is defined as a block in which one defined species of street tree is established and maintained indefinitely. Once a themed block is established and a tree is removed for any reason, the tree would be replaced with a tree of the established theme species. The Beautification Commission and City Council use the following criteria when considering establishment of a themed block: the percent of predominant tree species, health and disease tolerance of the species, amount of tree diversity, mix of species, age, aesthetic look on the block, current tree canopy, future canopy potential, width of the street, and the width of planter strips.

## Policy to Establish, Modify or Remove a Themed Block

- The Beautification Commission will recommend “Themed Blocks” to the City Council.
- To petition the Beautification Commission for a new themed block a property owner on a block shall gather signatures of at least 2/3 of the property owners on the block.
- To petition the Beautification Commission to modify a specific themed block tree species *or* Remove a specific block from the Themed Block List, a property owner on a block shall gather signatures of at least 75% of the property owners on the block.
- Forms for the “Petition” will be provided by the Parks and Recreation Department office.
- Petitions shall be forwarded to the Beautification Commission for recommendation to the Council to establish, modify or remove a themed block.
- A public hearing will be set by the Beautification Commission and notification will be sent by staff to all property owners on the block.
- If approved by the Beautification Commission and/or the City Council, staff will determine the species theme in collaboration with the property owners.
- Selected “themed” species will replace existing trees only when removal of an existing tree is deemed necessary according to City policy.

Street and Block Requested for Consideration: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark One: Establish                      Modify                      Remove a Themed Bock

Street Tree Species Desired:

## Street Tree Themed Block Signature Form

Property Owner Statement: **I am the property owner** at the address listed below and I support the Beautification Commission and City Council in \_\_\_\_\_ establishing this block as a Street Tree Themed Block, \_\_\_\_\_ modifying this themed block Street Tree or \_\_\_\_\_ removing this themed block Street Tree within the City of Burlingame. Revised 1/2016

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