

ALLIED NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION

January 23, 2008

Allied Neighborhood Association supports the La Muralla Owners Association and Salsipuedes Street Neighbors in their appeal of the ABR landscape plan for 601 East Anapamu Street.

This appeal is the result of the unpermitted cutting of a significant number of sky line mature trees on a very large, historic property as well as the destruction of an existing old stone wall and historic hitching post. This act was done without any notice to the neighbors, without proper historical review of past permits and approvals and with total disregard of the important historical and cultural value of the property. The act has resulted in a serious affront to the integrity of that neighborhood and our community.

In a city which strives to preserve its distinctive history and tradition--and holds the distinction of being awarded "Tree City USA," the magnitude of the damage done is particularly disturbing.

We ask you to uphold the appeal, and to appoint an ad hoc committee (as was done in the recent, similar case of the Wine Cask) to develop an appropriate landscape plan that remedies the damages and restores significant trees to the property, and once again creates the neighborhood atmosphere that was lost due to this non-permitted act.

In view of the fact that the proper study was not done, we request the refund of the appeal fee of \$360 to the appellant.

Sincerely,

Allied Neighborhoods Association
Judy Orias, President