### STAFF REPORT

DATE: December 26, 2018

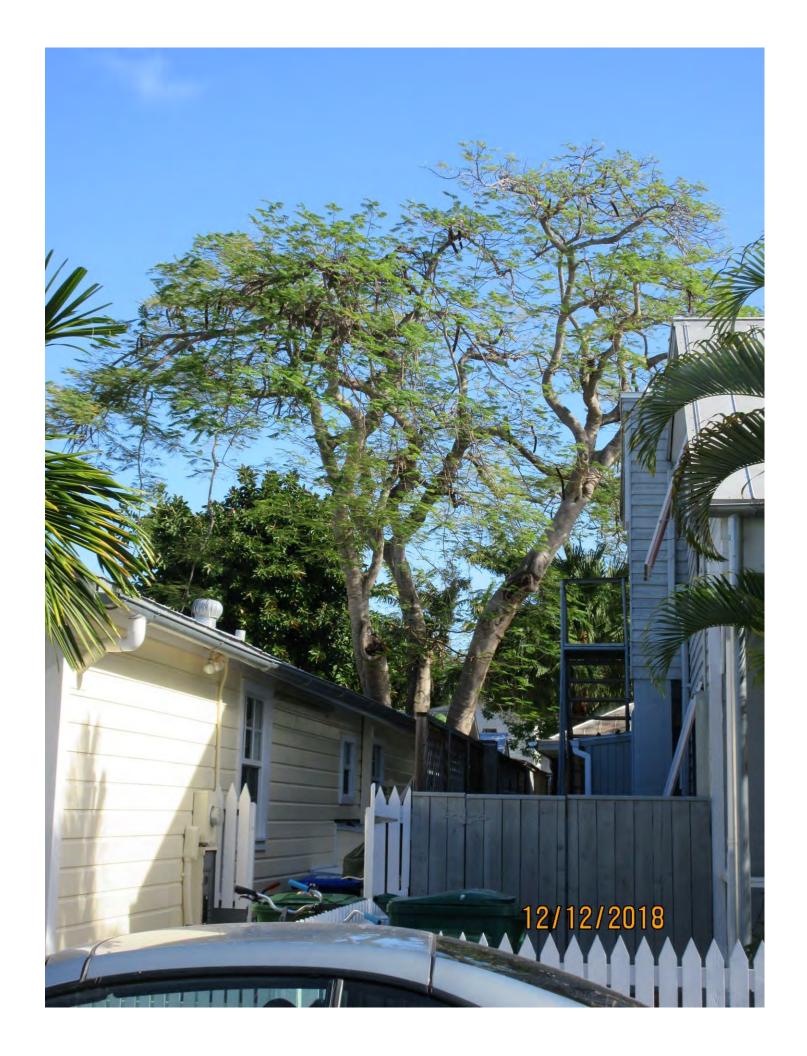
RE: 611 Grinnell Street #2 (permit application # T2018-0138)

FROM: Karen DeMaria, City of Key West Urban Forestry Manager

An application was received requesting the removal of **(1) Royal Poinciana tree**. A site inspection was done and documented the following:

Tree Species: Royal Poinciana (Delonix regia)



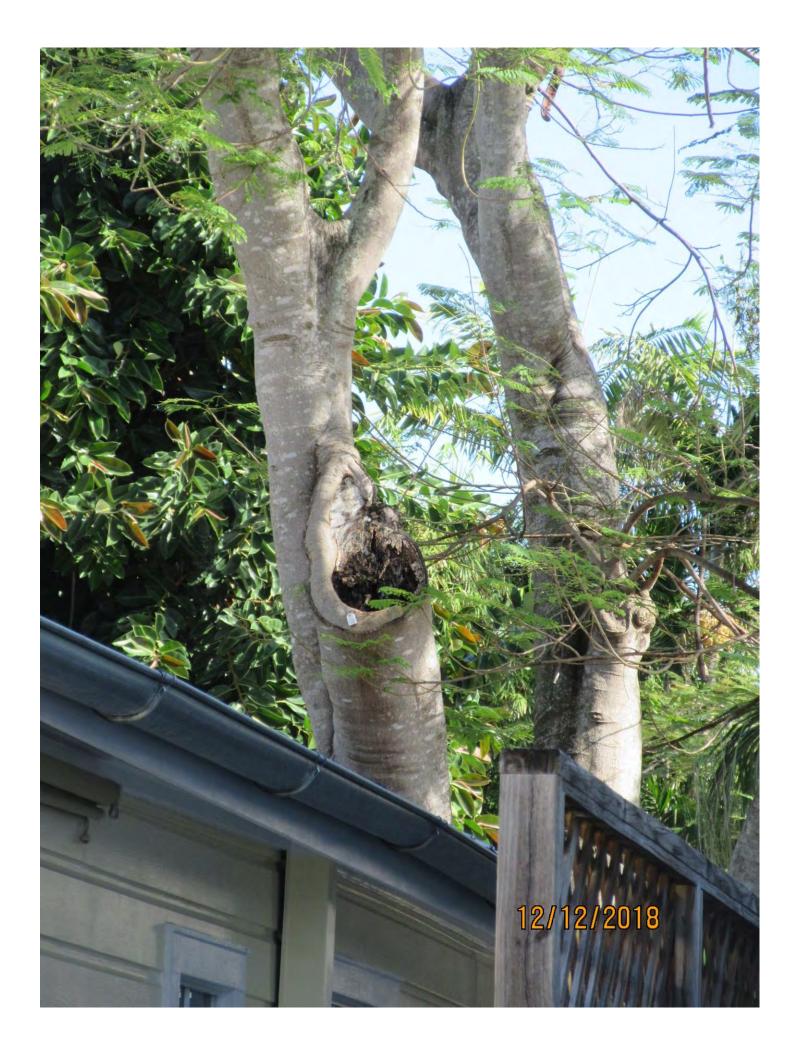


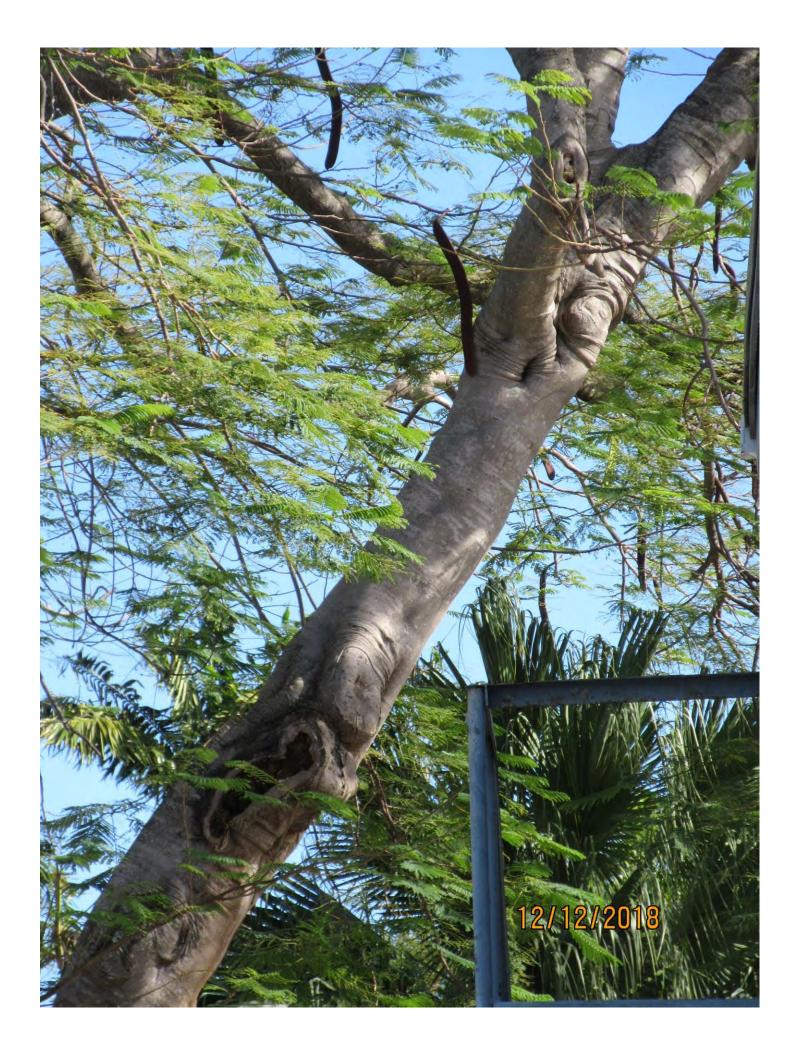


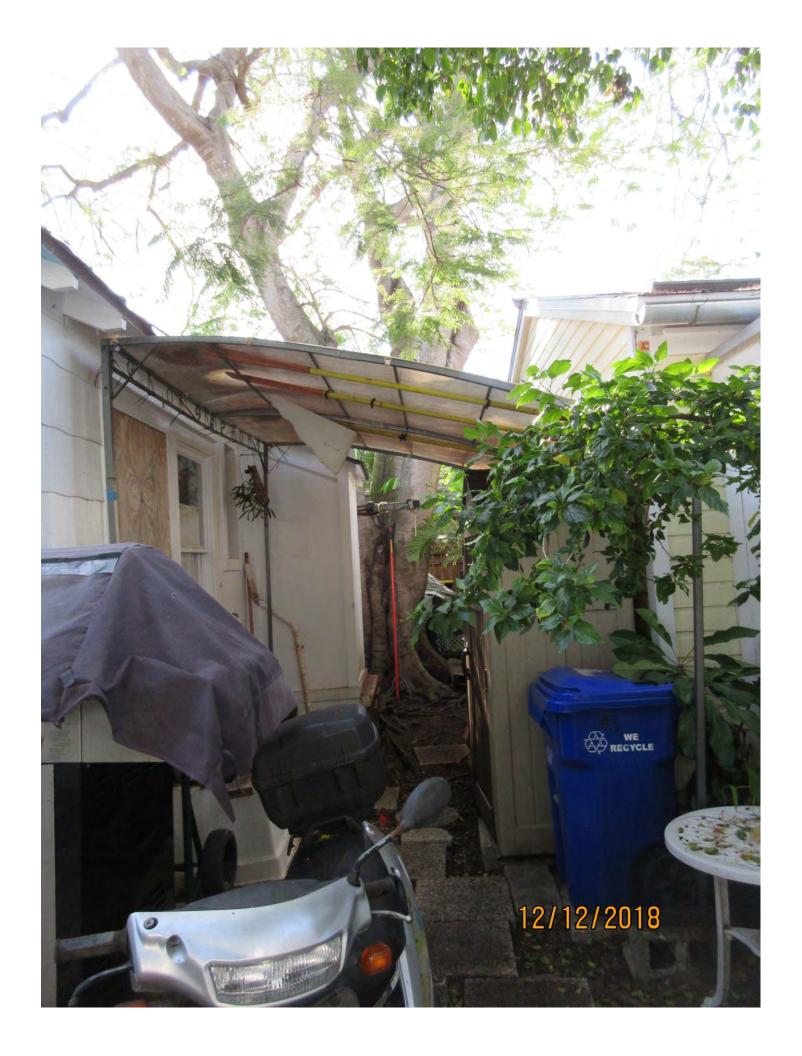






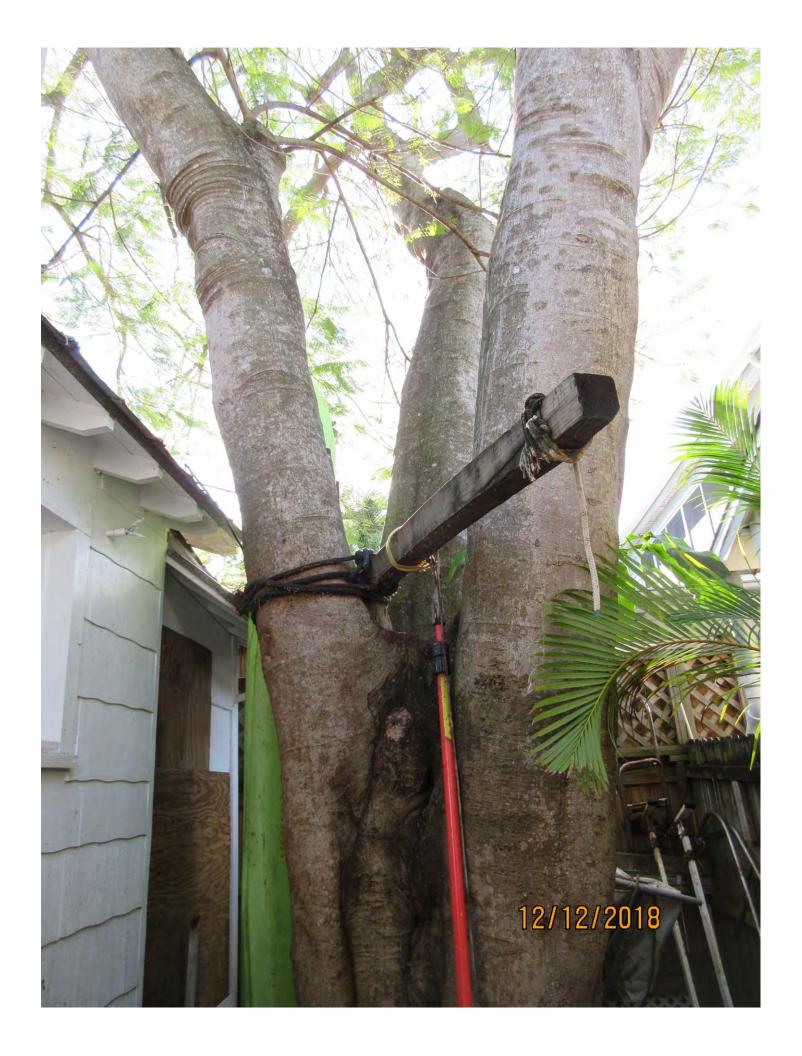
















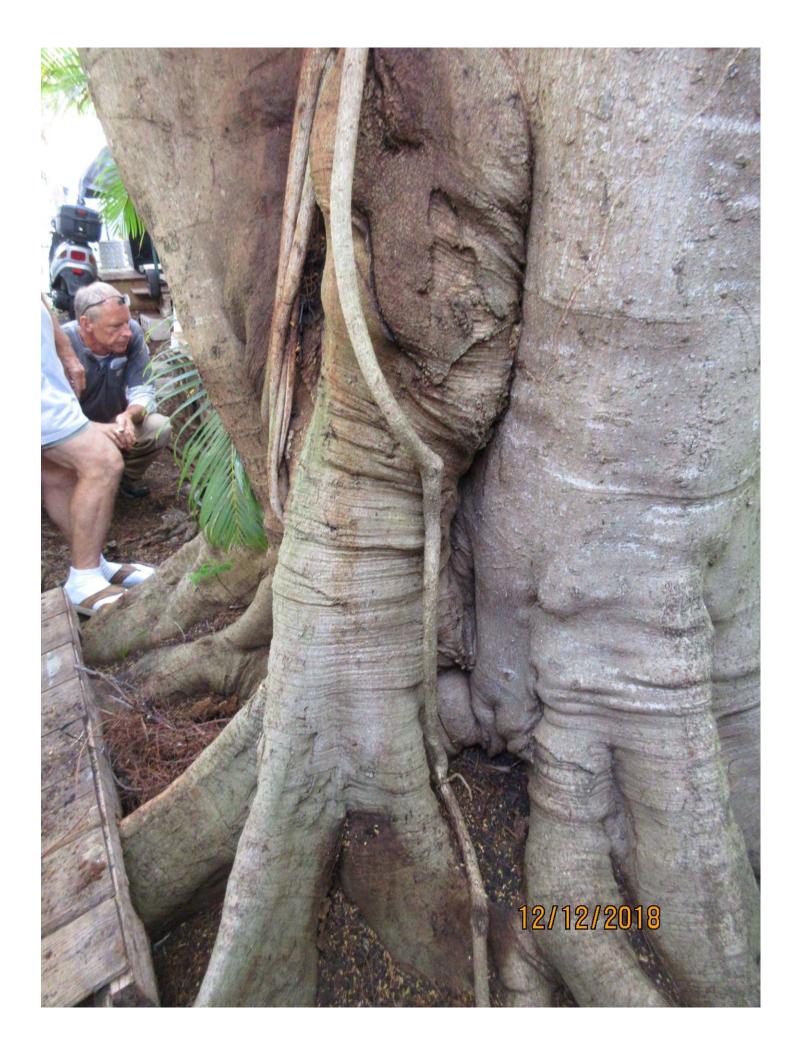




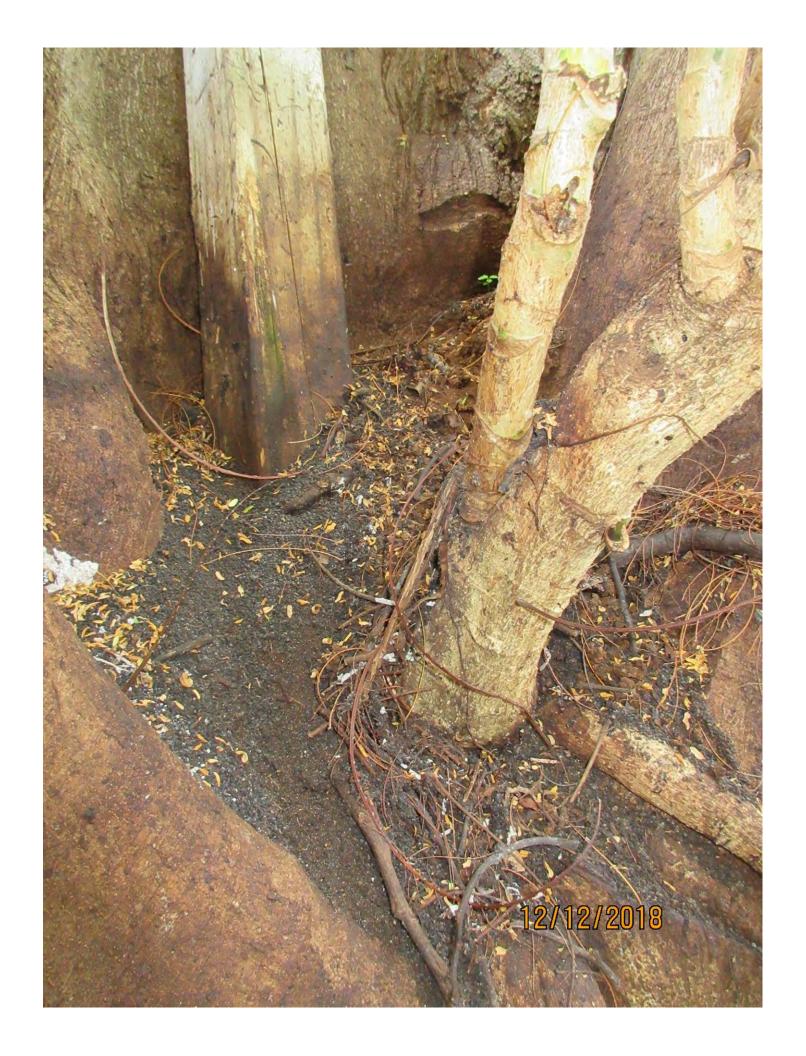








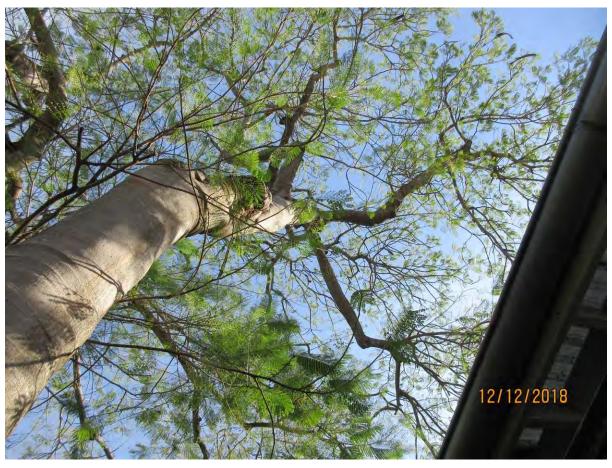




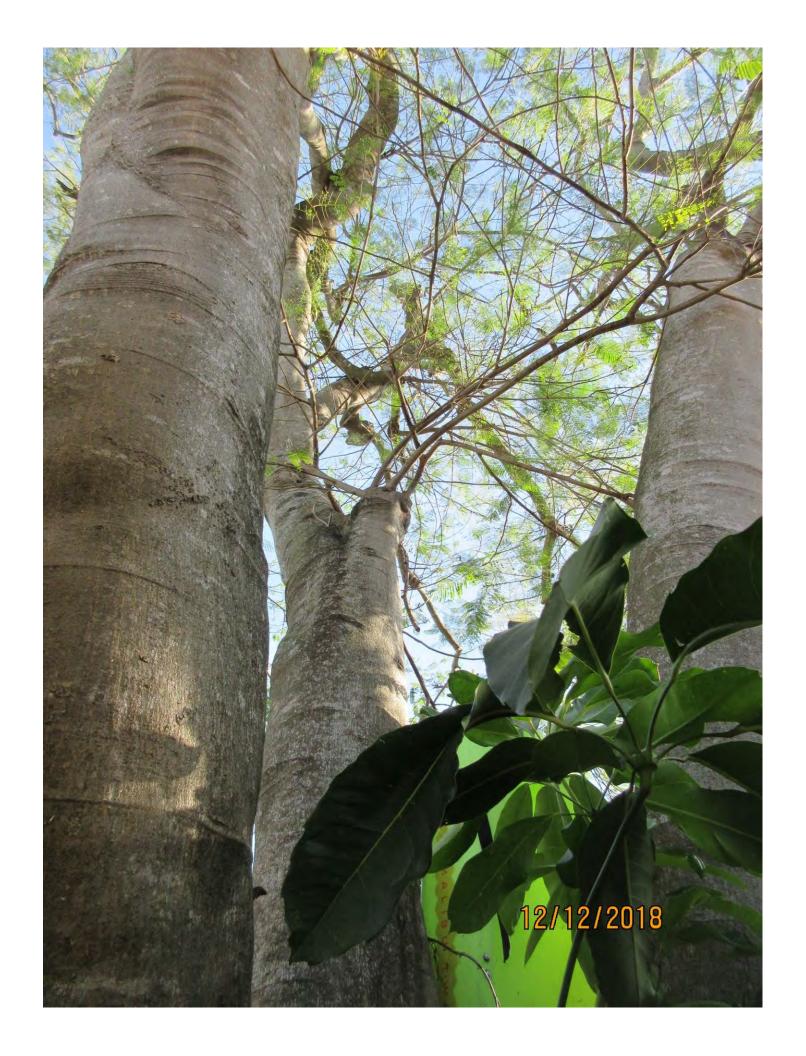














Diameter: 40.7" (one base with three main trunks)

Location: 40% (growing in between two structures, possible root issues

with structures-utilities, foundation)
Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 50% (fair, large tree with heavy canopy, decay in old cuts along main branches, some evidence of termite mud in crotch with main trunks, canopy has some storm damage and dead branches)

Total Average Value = 63%

Value x Diameter = 25.6 replacement caliper inches

Additional information (documentation) requested from homeowners of two structures regarding utility issues, termites, and health of canopy.

# Additional Information

December 15, 2018

To the City of Key West Tree Commission

We have a house at 615 Grinnell Street. We have owned our house since August 31, 1998. There is a large Poinciana tree on the adjacent property at 611 Grinnell. In 2011 we found that we had subterranean termites and had to treat the ground around our house. We tented our house for drywood termites in 2010. In 2016 we discovered the termites had returned and we had to tent again. The Poinciana tree appears to be the source for the termites. Termites are a problem for a wood house such as we have. When the termites swarm in our living room, we are unhappy.

We concur with the opinion of our neighbors that this tree has reached the end of its useful, healthy life and it is time for it to be removed.

Lisa and Mark Laskow 615 Grinnell St. Key West FL 33040

Email: mark.laskow@outlook.com

### Karen DeMaria

From: Jan-Marten Blinckmann < jmblinckmann@comcast.net>

Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 4:47 PM

To: Karen DeMaria

**Cc:** Lisa Laskow; tortugatom@bellsouth.net

been infested with living, active subterranean termites.

**Subject:** Tree Removal 611 Grinnell St #2 **Attachments:** Laskow Poinciana tree.docx

Dear Karen DeMaria,

Based on our meeting last Wednesday and in addition to Tom Stroh's arguments for the tree removal,

here our reasons:

My wife and I have lived at 611 Grinnell St #1 since 2002. Shortly after buying the house it had substantial work done: replacing

floor framing, sub floor and installing new hardwood floor. In 2016 we discovered major damage in the hardwood floor, Subterranean termites were eating through our house floors. The colony originated from the Royal Poiniciana tree behind our house (611 Grinnell St #2, Tom Stroh). It became necessary to treat the whole house as well as the tree (copies have been provided). We also had to trim the tree of mostly decayed branches.

Within the last 6 months, we experienced branches breaking off the trunk, and all of them have

We have two small children, 8 and 10 years old, and I am very concerned about the risk of a branch falling, or the tree entirely, on our children or our home. The rotted tree puts our family's home at further risk during high winds that may topple the tree in any direction during a tropical storm or hurricane. Let alone the fact that termites will continue to eat our home.

Today I met with Truly Nolan, Termite Pest Control. They inspected the tree and confirmed living subterranean termites, again.

His name is Cody MCain, email: <a href="mailto:cody.mccain@trulymail.net">cody.mccain@trulymail.net</a>, phone: 305 394 0314, and he is happy to clarify his result.

Here his email he send to me:

Today at 10:20 A.M. I observed live subterranean termites in the the poinciana tree at the back right corner of the home located at 611 Grinnell St. unit 1 the tree is located on unit 2's property. If you have any questions please let me know. Thank you and have a great day today.

Sent from my iPad

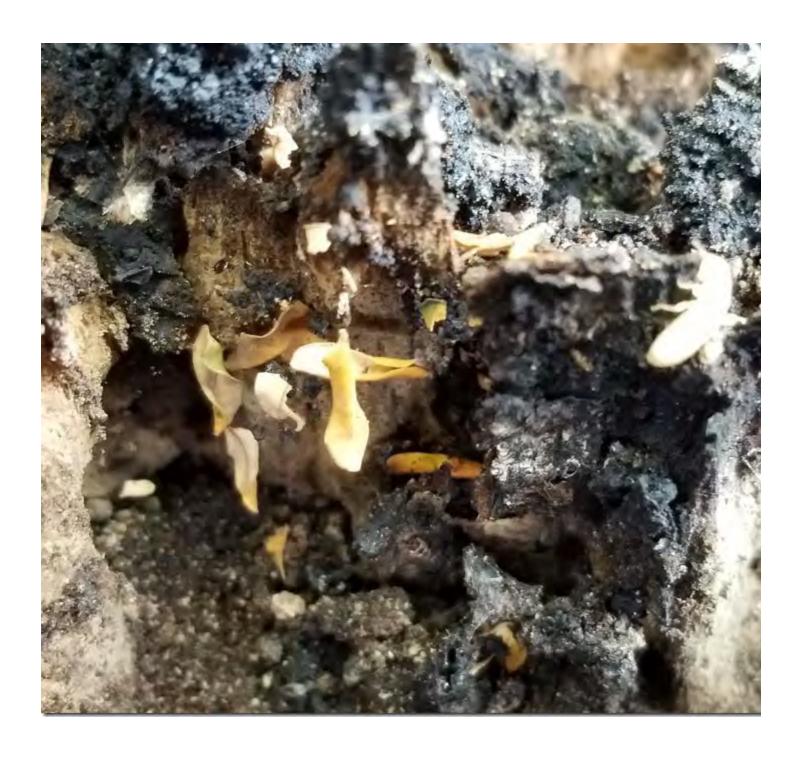
In addition to Cody McCain's statement, I have attached a letter from Lisa and Mark Laskow, owners of 615 Grinnell Street, who are also concerned with the damage to their property this tree will cause.

Regarding the hearing on January 8, Mark Laskow, their tenant Guadalupe Fuente, Tom Stroh and I will attend the meeting.

Here some photos I took:

















Let me know if you have any question.

Best wishes

Jan-Marten Blinckmann 611 Grinnell St #1 Cell: 305 304 6277

## Application



### west Tree Commission 2018-0138

Tree Permit Application	12 see see to de procars
	Date: 1/ /23/18
Please Clearly Print	All Information unless indicated otherwise.
Tree Address Cross/Corner Street List Tree Name(s) and Quantity Species Type(s) check all that apply Reason(s) for Application:  REMOVE Tree Heat  () TRANSPLANT () New Local  () HEAVY MAINTENANCE () Branch Re  Additional Sacry Information Sacry Information AND HEAVY AND ROOTS  Property Owner Name	Southand St  Royal Poincient  () Palm () Flowering () Fruit ( Shade () Unsure  th ( Safety () Other/Explain below tion () Same Property () Other/Explain below emoval () Crown Cleaning/Thinning () Crown Reduction  THIS TREE IS INFESTED WITH TERMITES OCHMENT FROM TRULY WOLEN) EVEN AFTER THEMMEN, BRANCHES ENDANGERS 3 HOUSES (ALL IN REMOVE SUR COMPROMISING FOUNDATIONS OF 2 HOUSES.  TOM STROH  TORTUGATOM @ BELLSOUTH NET
Property Owner Phone Number	(305)304-2633
Property Owner Signature	Jam Struto
wher will be representing the owner at a re-	Keystreeman & gmail-com P.D. Box 430204  Big Pine Key State FL Zip 33043  (305) 900-8448  form must accompany this application if someone other than the see Commission meeting or picking up an issued Tree Permit.  Tree Representation Authorization form attached ( ) in this area including cross/corner Street >>>>
	ntify tree(s) with colored tape
	4, 10 8"

If this process requires blocking of a City right-of-way, a separate ROW Permit is required. Please contact 305-809-3740.

Updated: 02/22/2014



### **Tree Representation Authorization**

Date: 11/23/18

Attendance at the Tree Commission meeting on the date when your request will be discussed is necessary in order to expedite the resolution of your application. This Tree Representation Authorization form must accompany the application if the property owner is unable to attend or will have someone else pick up the Tree Permit once issued.

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	Il Information unless indicated otherwise.
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	TOM STROH
Property Owner Name	
Property Owner eMail Address	TORTUGATOM @ BELLSOUTHONE
Property Owner Mailing Address	GII GRINNELL ST. HZ
Property Owner Mailing City	KEY WEST State FL Zip 33040
Property Owner Phone Number	( <u>305</u> ) <u>304</u> - <u>2633</u>
Property Owner Signature	
Representative Name	Treeman, LLC - Sean Creedon
Representative eMail Address	Keystreeman @ gmail.com
Representative Mailing Address	P.O. Box 730204
Representative Mailing City	Big Pine Key State FL Zip 33043
Representative Phone Number	(305) 900 - 8448
	taining a Tree Permit from the City of Key West for mosted. You may contact me at the telephone listed aboves to my property.
Property Owner Signature	I am they
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By (Print name of Affiant)	who is personally known to me or ham as identification and who did take an oath.
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Print Name: Megan wille	N
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### **Termite Service Ticket**

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