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Dear Ms. Magana:

Enclosed is a letter to the Editor of the Sacramento Bee from the July 18th edition. I am deeply concerned about this issue and feel that time is of the essence before the damage is irreversible. Would you please distribute copies of the letter to members of the City Council so that this can be discussed at the next meeting? If it is possible, I would appreciate a copy of the minutes from that meeting to know what action is taken on the problem. Thankyou.

Sincerely,



Richard Randall

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## City's Trees In Trouble

The city of Sacramento is facing grave ruin. The purpose of this letter is to alert citizens to this impending doom and hopefully generate some ideas and action to remedy the situation. The destruction to which I allude is the decay and death of many of our old and stately trees in some of the grandest parts of Sacramento. These trees, calculatedly planted by our forefathers to insure the beauty of our Capital City and provide relief from the summer heat, are facing devastation. Because of their age, the trees are not replaceable in many of our lifetimes.

I became aware of these unfortunate circumstances when I was returning to my office after a lunch-hour stroll through Capitol Park. The ash trees along 13th Street between N and O streets appeared to be succumbing to infestations by the parasitic mistletoe.

The next morning I called the

office of the Community Tree Service, and received an unsympathetic, rehearsed reply that they are only responding to calls for the removal of dead trees. Frustrated, I asked to speak with a supervisor. He reacted only slightly more considerately to my concern and frankly admitted that given the size of his work force and their budget, the policy is that the money and energy will be spent on removal of dead trees and not on the prevention or treatment of diseased trees. He offered no hope for the needy infected trees that darken the fate of all other trees in Sacramento.

I have been a resident of Sacramento a brief three years, and I have developed a deep appreciation for its beauty. The trees of the city are an integral part of that beauty. I would be sorry to see them gone.

**RICHARD RANDALL**  
Sacramento.