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To whom it may concern:

My name is Charles Ennis, owner of Expert Tree Service. I am a third generation tree surgeon. I have saved a lot of sick and damaged trees throughout my career. One tree in particular was Oak of the Golden Dream in Placerita Canyon in 1986. A lot of people thought the tree was going to die, but common sense, hard work and experience is what kept the tree alive. So many people are quick to jump up and say tear down the tree and put a road there, not stopping to think about our history, beautiful trees and mountains.

The tree in question is "Old Glory" Oak #419. This is a beautiful and salvageable tree.

Here are seven things listed below that explain the damage that has been done to the tree and things that can help salvage the tree:

- 1.) They have cut the natural grade around the tree.
- 2.) They have pushed dirt up against the side of the tree which will rot the "Cambium" layer. ("Cambium"- A layer of cells in the stems and roots of vascular plants and trees that generate phloem and xylem.)
- 3.) Between the water, the dirt and the changing of the grade will eventually kill the tree.
- 4.) In my opinion, it looks like this has all been done within the past 2 to 3 years.
- 5.) In order to save the tree, the dirt will have to be cleared from the base of the tree and try to get it back to it's natural habitat.
- 6.) This work should be performed by hand so there will not be any damage to the root system or the "Cambium" layer.
- 7.) As the tree sits right now, it's dying a slow death. I guess to some people it would make them happy, but yet to the other's it would make them cry.

I, Charles Ennis, along with other experienced people are willing to give our expertise, time and whatever it takes to save the tree.

To the gentleman who is staying up in the tree and has given his heart and soul to preserve the "Oak" and to all of the people who have worked hard to save tree "GOD BLESS YOU".

Truly yours,

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