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 Hearing is set  
Date: 9/6/2024  
Time: 9:00 am  
Judge: Egeler

Calendar: Civil

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF THURSTON**

SAVE THE DAVIS-MEEKER GARRY OAK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DEBBIE SULLIVAN, in her capacity of Mayor of  
Tumwater

Defendant.

Case No. 24-2-01895-34

DECLARATION OF RONDA  
LARSON KRAMER IN RESPONSE  
TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR  
ATTORNEY FEES

I, RONDA LARSON KRAMER, make the following declaration:

1. I am one of the attorneys of record for Save the Davis-Meeker Garry Oak (SDMGO). I have knowledge of the facts stated herein and am competent to testify.

2. At 8:00 a.m. on Friday, May 24, 2024, I called Karen Kirkpatrick, the city attorney for the City of Tumwater. I called her direct number ((360) 754-4127) listed on the WSBA directory. She did not answer. Her voicemail message was in the first-person singular, which told me it was her direct line. I left a message stating that I was filing a motion for TRO "today" for the Davis Meeker oak.

3. Not only do local procedures prohibit ex parte matters at any time outside of 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. every court day, but in this case there would have been no way to prevent the tree from being cut down without getting a TRO ex parte that Friday morning. It would do no

DECLARATION OF  
RONDA LARSON KRAMER - 1

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1 good to get a TRO on Tuesday of the next week. The mayor was planning to have the tree cut  
2 down over the weekend “when nobody was around.”

3 4. At 10:30 a.m. on Friday morning, after obtaining the TRO, I drove to city hall  
4 and informed the person sitting at the front counter that I would like to serve legal papers on the  
5 mayor, and I asked how that could be done. She said she would find out. She left and was gone  
6 for several minutes. Then the city attorney's paralegal, Sharleen Johansen, emerged from the  
7 back and came out into the lobby to greet me. I told her I had papers to serve on the mayor. She  
8 indicated that she (Ms. Johansen) would take them on behalf of the mayor. She then looked  
9 through the stack of papers briefly while I waited. Then we parted and she took the papers with  
10 her.  
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12 5. If it were not for the fact that I found out a mere 12 hours earlier that the mayor  
13 was secretly going to have the tree cut down that weekend, I would have been able to provide  
14 more notice to the mayor of my motion for TRO.

15 6. Later that day, around 3:07 p.m., the mayor’s attorney Jeffrey Meyers called and  
16 left a message with my receptionist. Attached as **Exhibit A** is a true and correct copy of the  
17 message he left for me.

18 7. A half hour later, at 3:37 p.m., Mr. Myers emailed me and served a motion to  
19 dissolve the TRO. Attached as **Exhibit B** is a true and correct copy of the email from Mr. Myers.  
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21 8. Mr. Myers claimed in the motion that the Davis Meeker oak had dropped a branch  
22 only a few months earlier, on February 2024. In actuality, the branch had dropped over a year  
23 earlier, on May 16, 2023. Attached as **Exhibit C** is a true and correct copy of the work order  
24 detail for cleaning up the branch.  
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1           9.       A few minutes after I received Mr. Myer’s motion, I received an email from this  
2 Court’s staff. Attached as **Exhibit D** is a true and correct copy of that email.

3           10.       The next week, a day before the May 31st hearing on Mr. Myer’s motion to  
4 dissolve the TRO, I received via email a letter from the Washington Department of Archaeology  
5 and Historic Preservation (DAHP) indicating that under RCW 27.53.060, the mayor cannot cut  
6 down the Davis Meeker oak tree without an Archeological Excavation and Removal Permit from  
7 the state archaeology department.

8           11.       I electronically filed the letter from DAHP with this Court at 12:50 p.m. the same  
9 day I received it. I then drove to the courthouse and dropped off the judge’s copy at about 1:05  
10 p.m. I emphasized to the court staff that it was for a hearing the very next morning and that it  
11 was of utmost importance that the judge see the document because “this will make her job very  
12 easy tomorrow.” The court staff responded to me confidently, “Oh, she will get it.”

13           12.       I also emailed opposing counsel the same document at 12:53 p.m. the same day.  
14 Opposing counsel falsely stated at the hearing the next day that “there is no pleading that raises  
15 archaeological resource laws for the state of Washington. It’s not before the court.”

16           13.       Attached as **Exhibit E** is a true and correct copy of an email chain originating  
17 from Scott Baker, owner of Tree Solutions, which is the company that the City of Tumwater’s  
18 arborist Kevin McFarland asked to assess the tree in 2023 as part of Mr. McFarland’s risk  
19 assessment. I underlined the relevant text in the email.  
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1 I declare under the penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Washington that the  
2 foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

3 EXECUTED this 3rd day of September, 2024, at Olympia, Washington.  
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RONDA LARSON KRAMER  
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1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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3 I certify that I served a copy of the foregoing document on all parties or their counsel of  
4 record **via email:**

5 Jeffrey S. Myers  
6 Jakub L. Kocztorz  
7 LAW, LYMAN, DANIEL,  
8 KAMERRER & BOGDANOVICH, P.S.  
9 P.O. BOX 11880  
10 OLYMPIA, WA 98508-1880  
11 [jmyers@lldkb.com](mailto:jmyers@lldkb.com)  
12 [jkocztorz@lldkb.com](mailto:jkocztorz@lldkb.com)  
13 [lisa@lldkb.com](mailto:lisa@lldkb.com)  
14 [tam@lldkb.com](mailto:tam@lldkb.com)

15 Bryan Telegin  
16 Telegin Law, PLLC  
17 175 Parfitt Way SW, Ste. N270  
18 Bainbridge Island, WA 98110  
19 [Bryan@teleginlaw.com](mailto:Bryan@teleginlaw.com)

20 I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

21 EXECUTED this 3rd day of September, at Olympia, WA.

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23 \_\_\_\_\_  
24 RONDA LARSON KRAMER  
25 Attorney for SDMGO















# Work Order Detail Report

Meeker Oak - Branches Down on Roadway 05/2023

5/28/2024

10:44 AM

| Tasks/Resources  |         |                   |                        |                  |            |            |
|--|---------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------|------------|
| 5_ClearRoad Clear Roadway Obstruction                                      |         |                   |                        |                  |            |            |
| Crew:  | Status: | *Cal'c UC: \$0.00 | *Task Cost: \$4,038.82 | Start Dt:        |            |            |
| Supervisor:  | UOM:    | # of Units: 0.00  | *Unit Cost: \$0.00     | End Dt:          |            |            |
| Employee   |         |                   |                        |                  |            |            |
| Resource   | UOM     | Units             | *Total Cost            | Alt Description  | Start Dt   | End Dt     |
| 001126 JASON MCINTYRE  | Hours   | 1.00              | \$29.95                |                  | 5/17/2023  | 5/17/2023  |
| 000444 CHARLES DEUEL   | Hours   | 5.00              | \$172.35               |                  | 5/17/2023  | 5/17/2023  |
| 000134 WALTER RENAUD   | Hours   | 5.00              | \$172.35               |                  | 5/17/2023  | 5/17/2023  |
| 000824 BRIAN FRANKOWSKI  | Hours   | 5.00              | \$172.35               |                  | 5/17/2023  | 5/17/2023  |
| 001122 DAVID MOORHEAD  | Hours   | 5.00              | \$142.25               |                  | 5/17/2023  | 5/17/2023  |
| 000442 ELDON NEWELL  | Hours   | 2.00              | \$74.96                |                  | 5/16/2023  | 5/16/2023  |
| <i>Resource Comment: Cleared branches out of highway</i>                   |         |                   |                        |                  |            |            |
| 000442 ELDON NEWELL  | Hours   | 4.00              | \$149.92               |                  | 5/17/2023  | 5/17/2023  |
| <i>Resource Comment: Cleaned up branches and limbs and hauled to weiks</i> |         |                   |                        |                  |            |            |
| Material   |         |                   |                        |                  |            |            |
| Resource   | UOM     | Units             | *Total Cost            | Alt Description  | Start Dt   | End Dt     |
| ST_0000 Street Direct Charge Parts   |         | 1.00              | \$3,124.69             | Sound Urban Fore | 10/10/2023 | 10/10/2023 |
| <i>Resource Comment: SUF Invoice dated 10-10-2023</i>                      |         |                   |                        |                  |            |            |

| Task Material Kit                     |             |       |           |     |      |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------|-----------|-----|------|-------|
| 5_ClearRoad Clear Roadway Obstruction |             |       |           |     |      |       |
| Material Kit                          | Description | Units | Est Units | UOM | Make | Model |
|                                       |             | 0     | 0         |     |      |       |

|                              |                                |                  |                      |                        |                         |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Projected Complete:          | Lock: <input type="checkbox"/> | WO Duration      | <u>*Actual</u> 10.00 | <u>*Estimated</u> 0.00 | <u>*Difference</u> 0.00 |
| Repair Type:                 |                                | Labor Hours      | 27.00                | 0.00                   | 0.00                    |
| Subcontractor:               |                                | Labor Costs      | \$914.13             | \$0.00                 | \$0.00                  |
| Profit Center:               |                                | Material Costs   | 3,124.69             | 0.00                   | 0.00                    |
|                              |                                | Fluids Costs     | 0.00                 | 0.00                   | 0.00                    |
| Quantity: 0.00               | Lock: <input type="checkbox"/> | Equipment Costs  | 0.00                 | 0.00                   | 0.00                    |
| Unit of Measure: Linear Feet |                                | Contractor Costs | 0.00                 | 0.00                   | 0.00                    |
| *Unit Cost: \$0.00           |                                | Misc. Costs      | 0.00                 | 0.00                   | 0.00                    |
| WO Hours: 0.00               |                                | Total Costs      | \$4,038.82           | \$0.00                 | \$0.00                  |
|                              |                                | Use Task Info:   | True                 | True                   |                         |

| Billed Party   |  |                  | Billing |         |  |
|----------------|--|------------------|---------|---------|--|
| Customer ID:   |  | Customer Number: |         |         |  |
| Customer Name: |  | Last Name:       |         |         |  |
| Address:       |  | Phone:           |         | Cell #: |  |
| City:          |  | Fax #:           |         |         |  |
| State:         |  | E-mail:          |         |         |  |
| Zip:           |  |                  |         |         |  |

| Billing Data        |                   |  |
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| Contact Name:       | *Billing Amount:  | Billing Required: <input type="checkbox"/>       |
| Invoice Number:     | Date Bill Sent:   | Billing Processed: <input type="checkbox"/>      |
| Incoming Account #: | Payment Received: | Imported to Financials: <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                     | Payment Method:   |  |

## Simple Work Orders

Employee: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours: \_\_\_\_\_  
 End Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Asset Type: \_\_\_\_\_

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General Ledger:

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Job Object:

| Item                | Tracking | Description  | By          | Date      | Time     |
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| Work Order Creation |          | This work order was created with the Lucity framework.                       | cdeuel      | 5/17/2023 | 9:10 AM  |
| Category Change     |          | from ROW Landscaping to Segment  | mlavack     | 5/17/2023 | 10:54 AM |
| Problem Change      |          | from Trim/Remove Vegetation/Trees to Tree Down/Tree Branches Blocking Hazard | mlavack     | 5/17/2023 | 10:54 AM |
| Status Change       |          | From New Work Order to Complete  | bfrankowski | 5/17/2023 | 11:49 AM |
| Leadworker Change   |          | from CHARLES DEUEL to ELDON NEWELL   | enewell     | 5/17/2023 | 1:07 PM  |

|               |                  |                  |                          |
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| WO User 1:    | WO User 4:       | WO Sent Finance: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| WO User 2:    | User 12:         | WO User 7:       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| WO User 3:    | User 13:         | WO User 8:       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| WO User 16:   | WO User 23:      | WO User 26:      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| WO User 17:   | WO User 24:      | WO User 27:      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| WO User 18:   | WO User 9:       | WO User 28:      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| WO User 19:   | User 10:         | WO User 29:      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| WO User 20:   | User 11 Date:    | WO User 30:      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| WO User 21:   | WO User 25 Date: |                  |                          |
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| DSD Permit #: | User 15:         |                  |                          |
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WO User 111:

WO Creator: cdeuel

WO Creation Date: 5/17/2023

PM Trigger:

Rec #: 79045

# **Exhibit D**

RE: SDMGO v. Sullivan, Thurston county No. 24-2-01895-34

Kristine Maine <kristine.maine@co.thurston.wa.us>

Fri 5/24/2024 3:46 PM

To: tam truong <tam@lldkb.com>

Cc: Jeff Myers <jmyers@lldkb.com>; Jakub Kocztorz <jkocztorz@lldkb.com>; Lisa Gates <lisa@lldkb.com>; Ronda Larson Kramer <ronda@larsonlawpllc.com>

Please call the ex parte phone in line between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m.

*Kristine Maine*

**Kristine Maine** | Judicial Assistant to Judge Allyson Zipp and Judge Anne Egeler | Thurston County Superior Court | 2000 Lakeridge Dr. S.W. Bldg 2, Olympia, WA 98502

Phone: 360.786.5557 | Email: [kristine.maine@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:kristine.maine@co.thurston.wa.us)

**IMPORTANT:** In order to avoid inappropriate ex parte contact, you are hereby directed to forward this communication to all other counsel/parties not already copied on this email.

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**From:** tam truong <tam@lldkb.com>

**Sent:** Friday, May 24, 2024 3:41 PM

**To:** Kristine Maine <kristine.maine@co.thurston.wa.us>

**Cc:** Jeff Myers <jmyers@lldkb.com>; Jakub Kocztorz <jkocztorz@lldkb.com>; Lisa Gates <lisa@lldkb.com>; ronda@larsonlawpllc.com

**Subject:** SDMGO v. Sullivan, Thurston county No. 24-2-01895-34

**Importance:** High

Good afternoon:

Please find attached filed today with the Court regarding the above referenced matter:

1. Motion to shorten time
2. Proposed order shortening time
3. Emergency Motion to Dissolve TRO
4. Declaration of Debbie Sullivan
5. Proposed Order granting motion to vacate

Thank you.

Tam Truong  
LAW, LYMAN, DANIEL,  
KAMERRER & BOGDANOVICH, P.S.  
P.O. Box 11880  
Olympia, WA 98508-1880  
(360) 754-3480  
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**EXHIBIT D**



# **Exhibit E**

**From:** [Karen Kirkpatrick](#)  
**To:** [Davis Abbott](#); [Sharleen Johansen](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Davis Meeker Oak  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 11:40:41 AM

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Thanks.

Davis, I think you can simply respond back that you have forwarded this on to the city administrator.

**Karen Kirkpatrick** | City Attorney  
City of Tumwater  
555 Israel Road SW | Tumwater, WA 98501  
(360)754-4121 | [kkirkpatrick@ci.tumwater.wa.us](mailto:kkirkpatrick@ci.tumwater.wa.us)  
[www.ci.tumwater.wa.us](http://www.ci.tumwater.wa.us)

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**From:** Sharleen Johansen <[SJohansen@ci.tumwater.wa.us](mailto:SJohansen@ci.tumwater.wa.us)>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2024 11:33 AM  
**To:** Davis Abbott <[DAbbott@ci.tumwater.wa.us](mailto:DAbbott@ci.tumwater.wa.us)>; Karen Kirkpatrick <[KKirkpatrick@ci.tumwater.wa.us](mailto:KKirkpatrick@ci.tumwater.wa.us)>  
**Subject:** RE: Davis Meeker Oak

Thanks! I've forwarded this to Brittany and Lisa since they are tracking comments.

Sharleen

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**From:** Davis Abbott <[DAbbott@ci.tumwater.wa.us](mailto:DAbbott@ci.tumwater.wa.us)>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2024 10:56 AM  
**To:** Karen Kirkpatrick <[KKirkpatrick@ci.tumwater.wa.us](mailto:KKirkpatrick@ci.tumwater.wa.us)>  
**Cc:** Sharleen Johansen <[SJohansen@ci.tumwater.wa.us](mailto:SJohansen@ci.tumwater.wa.us)>  
**Subject:** FW: Davis Meeker Oak

I got another random email about the oak tree.

**Davis Abbott** | Assistant City Attorney  
Tumwater City Attorney's Office  
555 Israel Road SW | Tumwater, WA 98501  
[www.ci.tumwater.wa.us](http://www.ci.tumwater.wa.us)

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**From:** Scott Baker <[scottbakertreeundertaker@gmail.com](mailto:scottbakertreeundertaker@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2024 10:30 AM  
**To:** Davis Abbott <[DAbbott@ci.tumwater.wa.us](mailto:DAbbott@ci.tumwater.wa.us)>  
**Subject:** Davis Meeker Oak

**EXHIBIT E**

You don't often get email from [scottbakertreeundertaker@gmail.com](mailto:scottbakertreeundertaker@gmail.com). [Learn why this is important](#)

Hello Davis,

If you want to talk about the tree I would be happy to chat with you. I helped save that tree when the road was improved in the late 70's. I visit the tree often and my company has looked at it recently.

The consultant report that you have is an embarrassment to any knowledgeable arborist.

By the way...the tree is not dead! It has a full and vigorous canopy.

Please give me a call if you are interested in learning more about tree risk assessment.

Respectfully, Scott

206-601-3297

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Scott D. Baker, RCA

Registered Consulting Arborist

Board Certified Master Arborist

Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Instructor

Honorary Life member International Society of Arboriculture

Ancient Forest Society

Seattle, Washington