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May 13, 2019

Mr. Sergey Tarasenko  
595 W. 239<sup>th</sup> St. Unit B-2  
Hudson Mews Homeowners Assoc  
Bronx, New York 10463

Re: 595 W.239<sup>th</sup> St. HM Complex – Inspection/Evaluation of Mature Red Oak Tree

Dear Mr. Sergey Tarasenko

In consideration of proposed removal of a 42" Red Oak in the rear parking area at Hudson Mews, I am ISA-Certified Arborist writing again on your behalf to the Hudson Mews Home Owners Association.

In follow-up to my visit this past February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019, I inspected site conditions and tree health on May 8, 2019 and as a result stand behind my assertion in February that the Red Oak, 42" in diameter (DBH), is in very good condition. Therefore, in my professional opinion this tree should remain for the benefit of Hudson Mews (HM) residents, energy savings, HM landscape quality, and overall property value. I base this recommendation on the following:

1. Full foliage of all major scaffold and secondary branches throughout the tree's broad canopy, as seen in attached PDF image taken on May 8.
2. The cavity at base of trunk is not sizable enough to substantiate the claim that tree is hollow, unsound structurally, and cause for tree removal. See accompanying PDF 2 for specific data on this cavity.

Relocation of all trash receptacles and bins from the exposed/ bare earth root zone of this tree will optimize the health and vigor of the tree. Removal of dumpster helps, but objects remaining still deprive the tree of maximum water and oxygen intake needed to sustain health and vigor on a longstanding basis.

Leaving receptacles without question favors tree decline. On the other hand, making several parking spaces smaller for compact cars -- to free-up space to accommodate trash bins -- is pro-active measure to preserve the invaluable shade and beauty this tree provides.

Feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael V. Ruggiero'.

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These Photos taken on May 8, 2019 show foliage of all branches throughout of the entire canopy of this tree. Just a few small branchlets at top of tree had no leaves, which is fairly common.

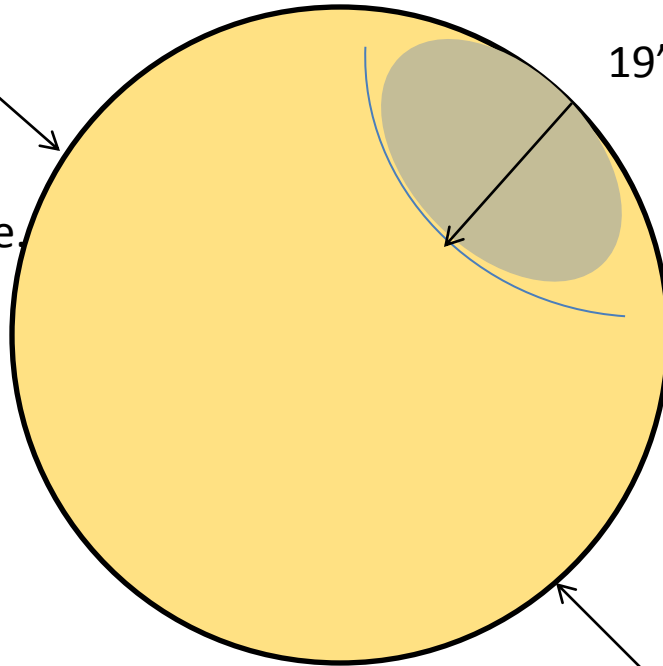
**PDF 2 INSPECTION/EVALUATION RED OAK TREE by MVR CA**  
At 595 W.239<sup>th</sup> St. Hudson Mews Complex Riverdale, NY 5.13.19





60" diameter at base of trunk

Cavity depth is 1/3 of full trunk, at tree base. Remaining part of trunk is LIVE WOOD. There is little or no physical evidence to purport otherwise.



19" deep cavity



**Top:** Base of trunk analysis **Bottom:** All receptacles to be **relocated**.

**PDF 1** INSPECTION/EVALUATION RED OAK TREE by MVR CA  
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