

**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL
REQUEST**

May 2015

Date: 4/6/15

Requested by: James L. Armstrong

Address: 1208 Bajada, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

Location of Tree: 1208 Bajada, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

Tree Species: (1) *Ficus microcarpa* 'Nitida'
(3) *Strelitzia nicolai*

Common Name: Indian Laurel Fig
Giant Bird of Paradise Clumps

Zoning/Setback: A – 1 35' Setback

Reason for Removal: Fig tree roots are damaging street and hardscape and will get worse over time. Bird of paradise shrubs block visibility from driveway, are out of scale and are growing into utility lines.

Proposed Replacement: Yes Drought tolerant shrubs and landscaping. No

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

Staff Recommendation: Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

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SETBACK TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

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Mailing Address:
PO Box 1990
Santa Barbara, CA 93102
(805) 564-5433

Physical Address:
402 E. Ortega St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
FAX (805) 897-2524

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Application Fee: \$50 (effective July 1, 2010)

DATE OF REQUEST:	April 6, 2015
APPLICANT:	James L. Armstrong
OWNER NAME (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT):	
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	n5828s@cox.net
DAYTIME PHONE:	805-886-9688
LOCATION OF TREE (ADDRESS):	1208 Bajada, Santa Barbara CA 93109
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	1) Fig Tree; 2) Large Bird of Paradise
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	1) Fig Tree roots are damaging street and hardscape. Will get worse over time. 2) Bird of paradise shrubs block visibility from driveway, are out of scale, and are growing into utility lines.
TREES WILL BE REPLACED?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES WITH: Drought tolerant shrubs and landscaping. <input type="checkbox"/> NO

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Property owner letter, indicating reasons for removal. Also include whether:
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James L. Armstrong
1208 Bajada
Santa Barbara, CA 93109
April 6, 2015

Tim Downey, City Arborist
City of Santa Barbara
P.O. Box 1990
Santa Barbara CA 93102

Dear Mr. Downey,

Attached please find my application to remove two trees in my front yard in the required setback area.

The basis for this application is as follows:

Tree #1 – Is a large Moreton Bay Fig tree that is located approximately 15 feet from the street. The tree has massive roots that will only get larger over time. The roots have damaged the street extensively in two locations and are beginning to damage an adjacent fence in my front yard. In conferring with local arborists, they predict that the tree will continue to grow over time, and damage the street hardscape, and pose a danger to the foundation of my home. This is a beautiful tree, but not appropriate for this location.

Before the damage becomes too extensive, I would like to remove the tree and replace it with a more appropriate tree or drought tolerant landscaping.

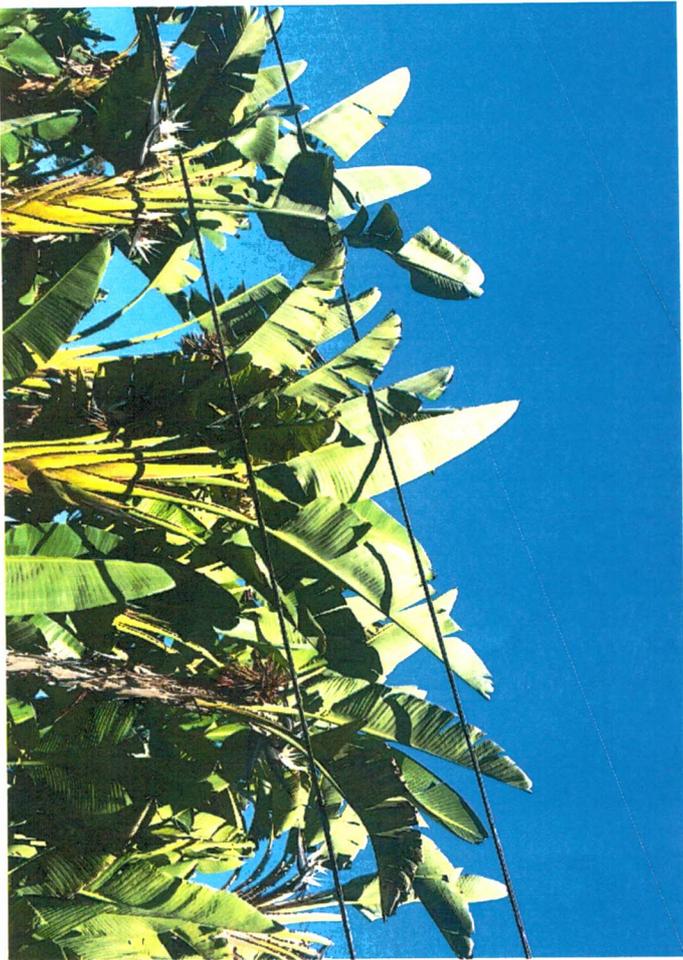
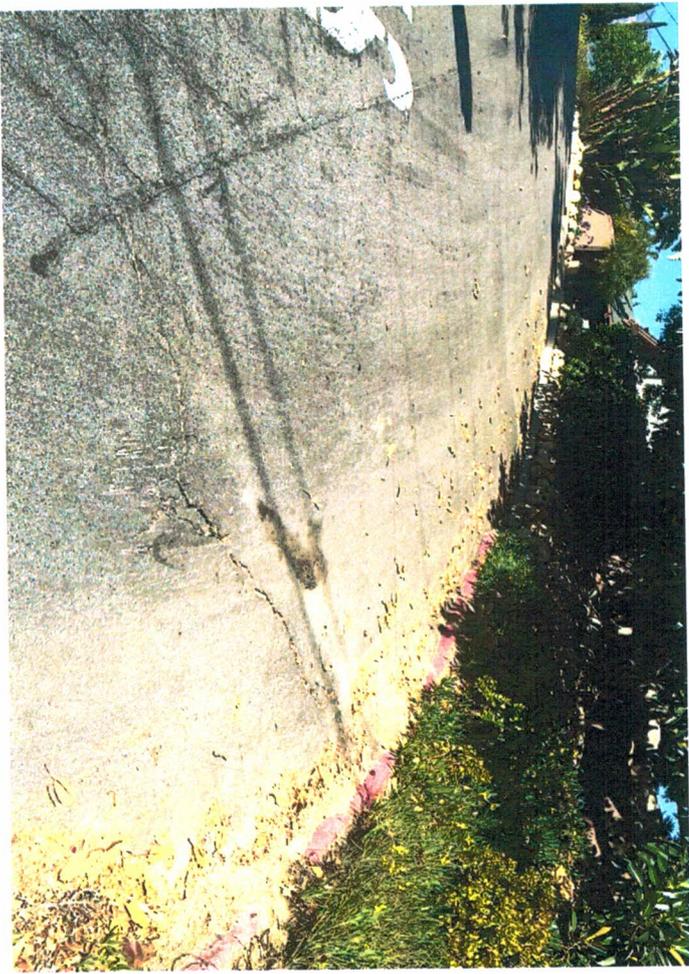
Please see photos marked exhibits 1-4 attached.

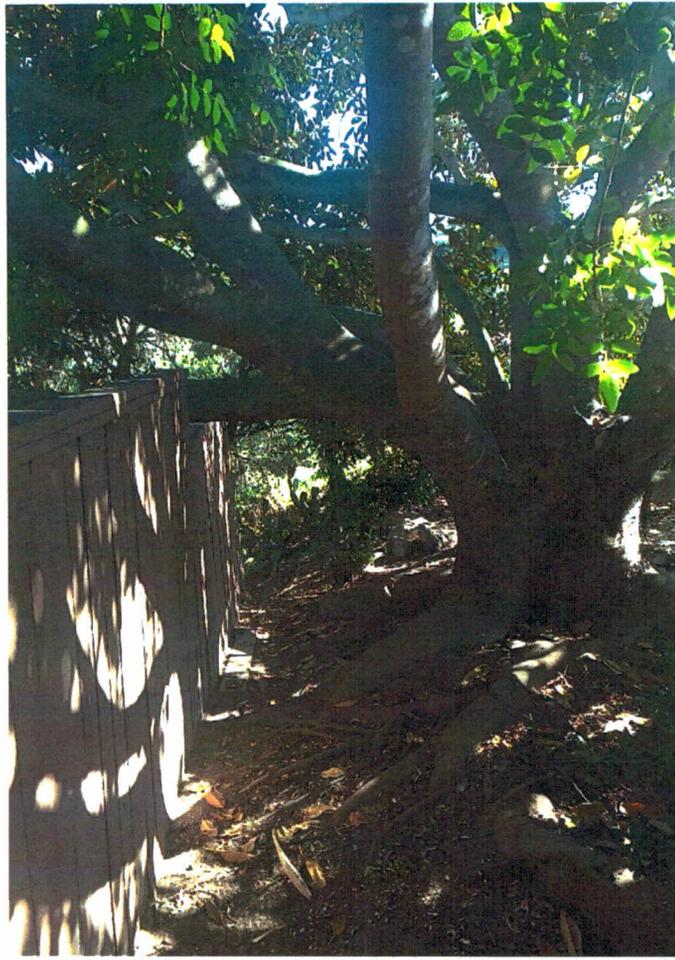
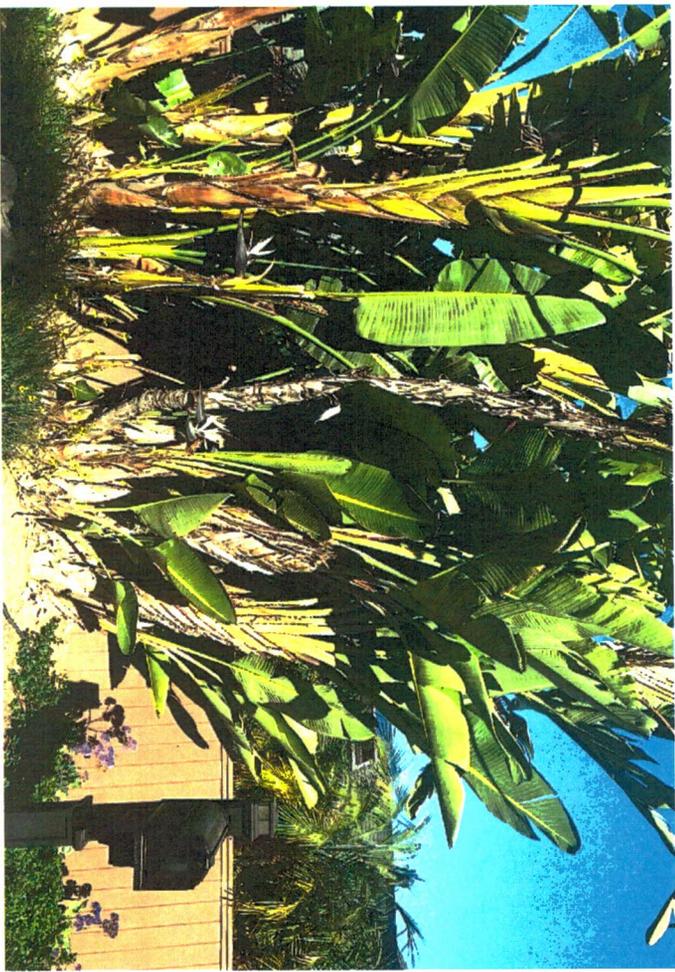
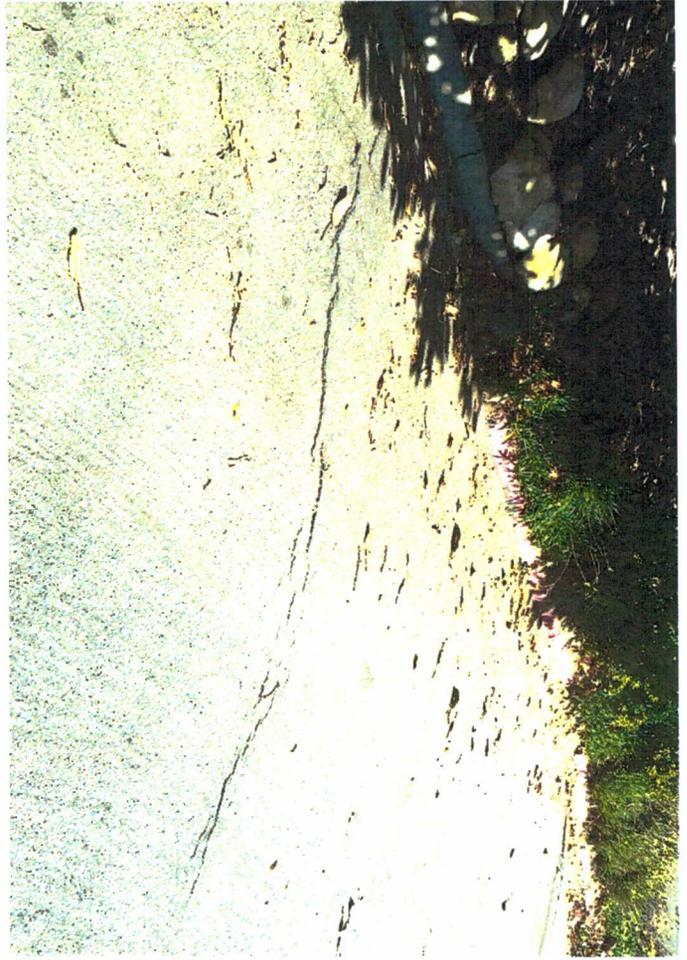
Tree #2 – Is a actually a group of several tall bird of paradise plants that are located approximately 5 feet from the curb face. They are blocking visibility from the driveway, are out of scale with the yard and are beginning to grow into the utility lines directly above them. We would like to replace these plants with appropriate drought tolerant landscaping that does not block visibility and is appropriate in scale to this limited area.

Please see photos marked exhibits 5-7 attached.

Sincerely,

James L. Armstrong





**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL
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May 2015

Date: 4/7/15

Requested by: J. Vince Agapito

Address: 3108 Calle Madera, Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Location of Tree: 3108 Calle Madera, Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Tree Species: *Tipuana tipu* *Common Name:* Tipu

Zoning/Setback: E – 3/SD – 2 20’/10’ Setback

Reason for Removal: Tree roots will soon damage rock wall and eventually brick side walls. Gas and water utility lines are potentially damaged by roots.

Proposed Replacement: Yes No

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

Staff Recommendation: Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

Date Posted:

Comments:

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Front Yard 3108 Calle Madera 5-27-15 Attachment



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DATE OF REQUEST:	4/7/15
APPLICANT:	J. VINCE AGAPITO
OWNER NAME (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT):	
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	3108 CALLE MADERA, SB 93105 vagapito@cox.net
DAYTIME PHONE:	805-448-8883
LOCATION OF TREE (ADDRESS):	3108 Calle Madera, S.B.
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	Tipu Tipuana
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	TREE ROOTS WILL SOON DAMAGE. ROCK WALL & EVENTUALLY BRICK SIDEWALKS. GAS & WATER UTILITY LINES ARE POTENTIALLY DAMAGED BY ROOTS
TREES WILL BE REPLACED?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES WITH: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

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April 10, 2015
Tim Downey
Urban Forest Superintendent
City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Department
PO Box 1990
Santa Barbara, CA. 93102

Mr. Downey,

We are requesting a permit for the removal of an approximately 25 foot Tipuana Tipu tree located in our front yard and which is considered a "Setback Tree". The tree is located at our residence with the address of 3108 Calle Madera, Santa Barbara, 93105. The tree is not a designated specimen nor a Historic Tree.

We wish to remove the tree for several reasons. The primary one is the fact that we have both a natural gas supply line and a water utility line that are being affected adversely by the tree's substantial root system. The roots have lifted the front yard around the tree about twelve inches. In addition, the roots are lifting the hedge that is planted along the front of the property. Lastly, we have discussed the status of the tree with several arborists including Peter Winn and John Misemer. Everyone who sees the tree states that the roots are extremely invasive and will eventually crack and lift a small ornamental rock wall and our brick walkways.

Our primary concern is the gas utility line that runs from the street to our house and which runs on a line that is within twelve inches of the outside diameter of the present trunk. We had the gas line and water lines replaced approximately 20 years ago prior to planting the tree. Of course, we did not realize at the time of planting the tree that it's roots would impact the front yard as it currently does. Again, both arborist stated that the tree has the potential to adversely affect the gas line and is very likely bending the line at this point in time.

Obviously, a break in our utility gas line would be dangerous and costly to replace. If the line were to begin leaking, the gas would either kill or greatly damage the tree anyway. The tree is not native to Santa Barbara and would not be a significant loss to the community. In fact, our neighbors across the street will be grateful for the tree's removal as they will be able to see the mountain views again. The tree does not provide shade for either of our neighbors to the sides of us and they will not object to the tree being removed,

Please see the attached photos and diagram of the front yard.

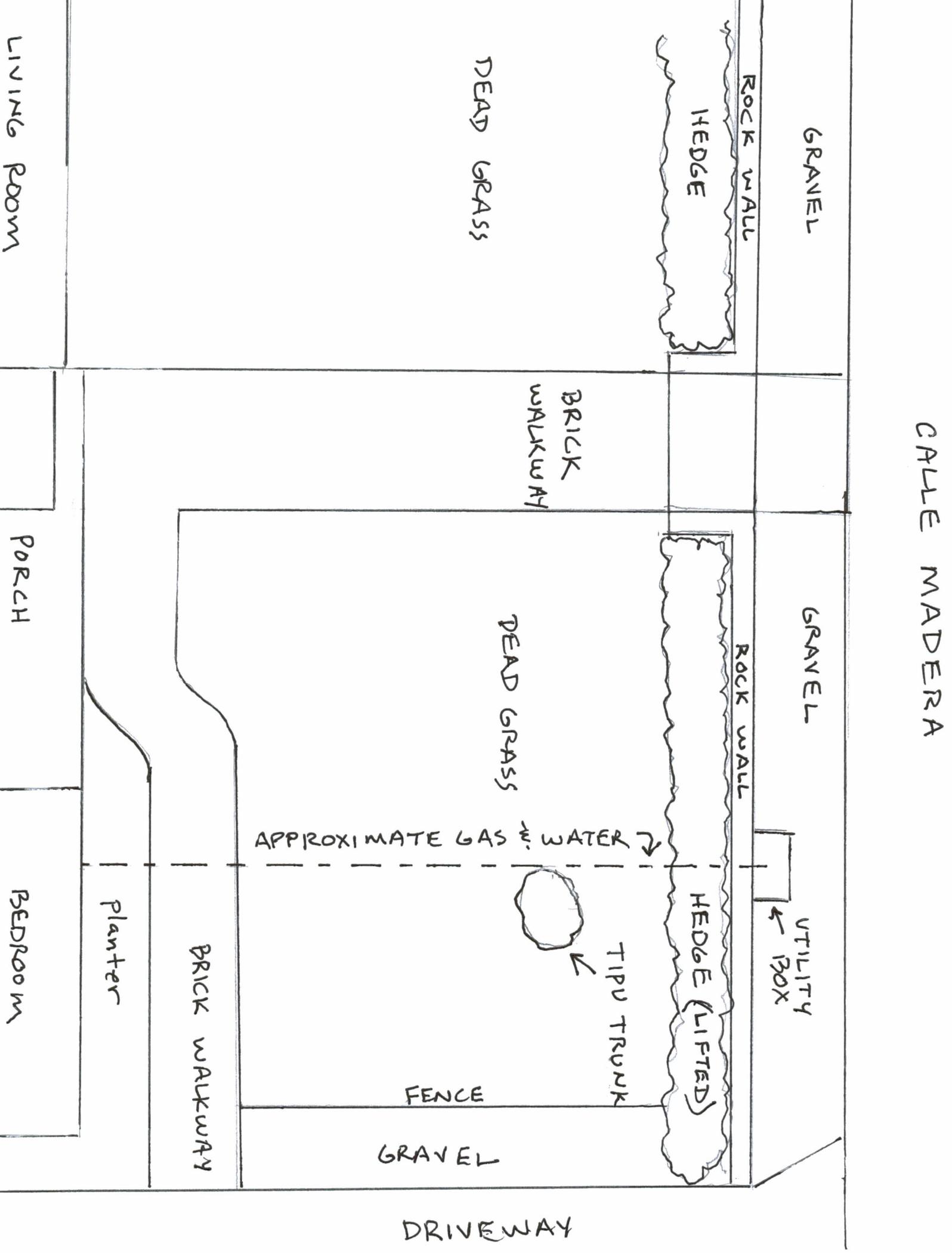
Sincerely yours,



Vince and Marilyn Agapito

3108 Calle Madera, Santa Barbara, CA 93105

CALLE MADERA



GRAVEL

ROCK WALL

HEDGE

DEAD GRASS

BRICK WALKWAY

GRAVEL

ROCK WALL

DEAD GRASS

APPROXIMATE GAS & WATER

UTILITY BOX

HEDGE (LIFTED)

TIPU TRUNK

FENCE

GRAVEL

DRIVEWAY

Planter

BRICK WALKWAY

LIVING ROOM

PORCH

BEDROOM



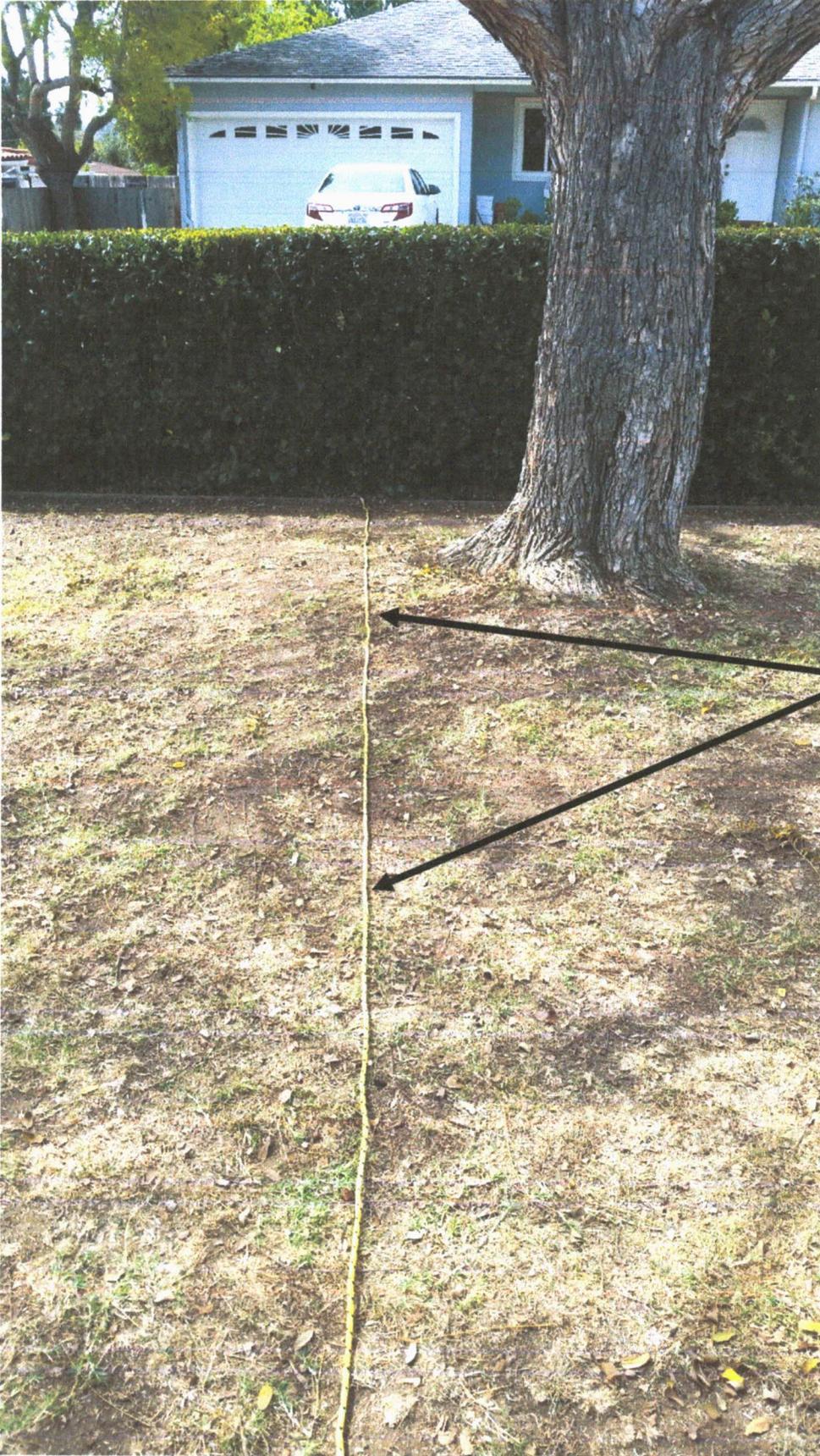
**3108 Calle Madera,
SB, 93105**

Utility Box for gas and water

Gas and Water connection to house



Water and Gas Utility Boxes



**Approximate track of
underground Gas and
Water utility lines.**



Approximate track of underground gas and water utility lines. 30 inches down.



Soil lifted approximately 12 inches from flat grade.

**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL
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May 2015

Date: 4/16/15

Requested by: Amanda Hilton

Address: 33 Ocean View, Santa Barbara, CA 93103

Location of Tree: 33 Ocean View, Santa Barbara, CA 93103

Tree Species: (2) *Lophostemon confertus* *Common Name:* Brisbane Box

Zoning/Setback: R – 2 15' Setback

Reason for Removal: Roots providing extensive damage to gas and water mains for property. Roots are creating severe damage to concrete front of property retaining wall.

Proposed Replacement: Yes City's recommendation. No

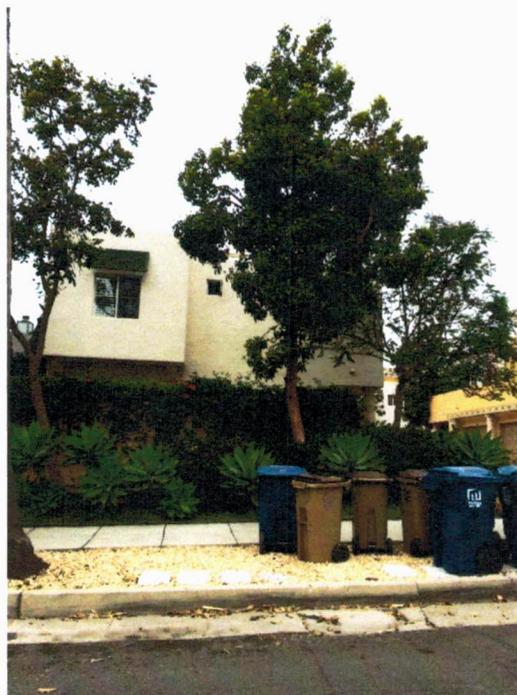
Advisory Committee Recommendation: *Approve Removal:* *Deny Removal:*

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Front Yard 33 Ocean View 5-27-15 Attachment



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APPLICANT:	Amanda Hilton
OWNER NAME (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT):	2 El Camino Real Goleta, CA 93117.
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	Rusty Brown
DAYTIME PHONE:	805-451-2684.
LOCATION OF TREE (ADDRESS):	"Pueblo Andaluze HOA" 33 Ocean View Santa Barbara 93103.
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	2 tristania trees
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	Roots providing extensive damage to gas and water mains for property. Roots creating severe damage to concrete front property retaining wall.
TREE(S) WILL BE REPLACED:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> With: the city's No <input type="checkbox"/> reccomendations.

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- Photo of tree(s) proposed for removal - Included.
- Development plan/Landscape plan - Don't have.

Image showing existing damage to retaining wall.





Image showing existing damage to retaining wall.



Image showing root system closeness to retaining wall.



Image showing root system's closeness to water/gas mains.

Image showing closeness to water/gas mains.

