

**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL  
REQUEST**

**May 2024**

*Date:* 4/23/2024

*Requested by:* Lesheena Lopez [Sheenalopezmt@gmail.com](mailto:Sheenalopezmt@gmail.com)

*Address:* 240 Alameda Padre Serra, Santa Barbara, CA 93103

*Location of Tree:* 240 Alameda Padre Serra, Santa Barbara, CA 93103

*Tree Species:* *Eucalyptus globulus,* *Common Name:* Tasmanian Blue Gum

*Zoning/Setback:* RS-15 30'

*Reason for Removal:* The tree is very hazardous, will take down power lines, other trees, fall across the street, homes or land on people or cars. Major storms have left the ground very wet. A tree across the street fell yesterday. Very dangerous.

*Proposed Replacement:* Yes  No

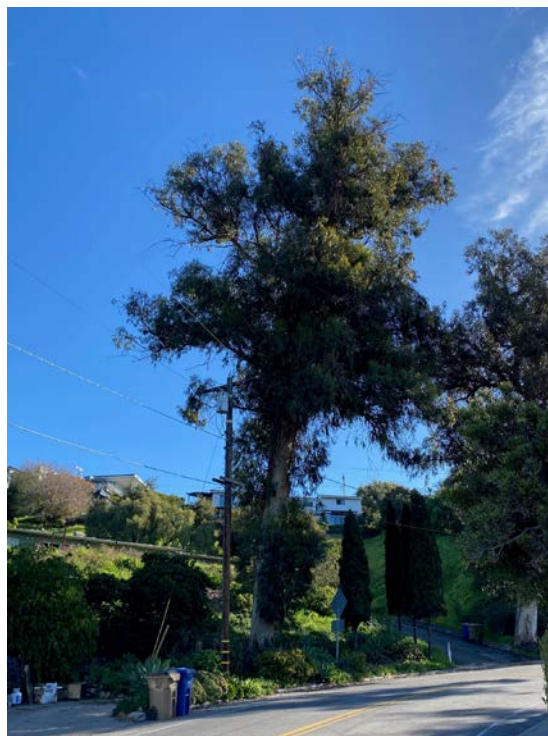
*Advisory Committee Recommendation:* Approve Removal:  Deny Removal:  N/A

*Staff Recommendation:* Approve Removal:  Deny Removal:  N/A

*Date Posted:*

*Comments:*

**PHOTO INVENTORY**



Front Yard 240 Alameda Padre Serra – Lesheena Lopez 5-22-24

# Tree Removal Application

## APPLICANT/OWNER DETAILS

|  |                         |                 |  |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Lopez  |                         |                 |  |
| YOUR LAST NAME                               |                         | YOUR FIRST NAME |  |
| Lesheena                                     |                         |                 |  |
| OWNER'S FULL NAME (IF YOU ARE NOT THE OWNER) |                         |                 |  |
| David J. puikunas                            |                         |                 |  |
| YOUR MAILING ADDRESS                         |                         |                 |  |
| 240 Alameda Padre Serra                      | Ca                      | 93103           |  |
| CITY   | STATE                   | ZIP CODE        |  |
| 8056369199                                   | Sheenalopezmt@gmail.com |                 |  |
| DAYTIME PHONE                                | EMAIL ADDRESS           |                 |  |

## TREE INFORMATION

TYPE OF TREE:    **SETBACK TREE(S)**     **STREET TREE(S)**

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| 1                            | 240 Alameda Padre Serra Santa Barbara ca 93103   |
| NUMBER OF TREES              | LOCATION OF TREE(S) - please be sure to indicate the <b>property address</b> where the trees are located |
| Eucalyptus                   |  |
| SPECIES OF TREE(S), IF KNOWN |  |

**REASONS FOR REMOVAL (TELL US WHY YOU WANT TO REMOVE THE TREE[S]). PLEASE INCLUDE:**

- Whether or not the removal application is associated with new development or redevelopment of property
- Status of development application, including whether the project is scheduled for review by the Single Family Design Board, Architectural Board of Review, or Historic Landmarks Commission
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WILL YOU REPLACE THE TREE(S)?    YES     NO

IF YES, WHAT WILL YOU REPLACE THE TREE(S) WITH?

**From:** [David J. Puikunas](mailto:David.J.Puikunas@earthlink.net)  
**To:** [Patricia Herrera](mailto:Patricia.Herrera@santabarbaraca.gov); [sheena052@gmail.com](mailto:sheena052@gmail.com); [sheenalopezmt@gmail.com](mailto:sheenalopezmt@gmail.com); [Kyle Martin](mailto:Kyle.Martin@earthlink.net)  
**Cc:** [david.j.puikunas@earthlink.net](mailto:david.j.puikunas@earthlink.net)  
**Subject:** Ref: to Tree Removal request on the property located at 240 Alameda Padre Serra. From: The Property owner David J. Puikunas Please read my entire Statement / Request below. Thank You.  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 23, 2024 1:36:09 PM

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You don't often get email from [david.j.puikunas@earthlink.net](mailto:david.j.puikunas@earthlink.net). [Learn why this is important](#)

**Hi Patricia Herrera, Just wanted to confirm that I am requesting the removal or trimming back of the potentially dangerous situation of the very large Eucalyptus tree growing at the base of my property line located at 240 Alameda Padre Serra in Santa Barbara. My Niece, Lesheena Lopez submitted a removal permit about 3 months ago after another similar sized Eucalyptus tree fell down directly across the street from our house. Soon after that eye opening event she then made the removal request for our situation. The adjacent felled tree at the time caused damage to most of the wires intermingled in the branches of these trees. Including our electrical wires leading to our home as well. Luckily, Edison responded quickly that day, made the needed safety repairs and restored power to all involved the same day. Due to the size and age of the tree concerned and any potential future ground water saturation from any recent rain storms, a total removal or much needed trimming of this tree at the base of 240 A.P.S. would be the safest option for all concerned. Your concurrence to my request will ensure protection of my family and property and not to mention the public from another catastrophic event waiting to happen again. I appreciate your support and agreement to all my future safety concerns regarding this important matter. Sincerely, David J. Puikunas, the property owner of 240 A.P.S. (805) 733-1700 Message me anytime or email me at: [david.j.puikunas@earthlink.net](mailto:david.j.puikunas@earthlink.net)**

-----Original Message-----

From: David J. Puikunas <[david.j.puikunas@earthlink.net](mailto:david.j.puikunas@earthlink.net)>

Sent: Apr 23, 2024 7:58 AM

To: <[PHerrera@santabarbaraca.gov](mailto:PHerrera@santabarbaraca.gov)>

Cc: <[david.j.puikunas@earthlink.net](mailto:david.j.puikunas@earthlink.net)>

Subject: Good Morning, Patricia Herrera. Thank You, for contacting us. This is in regarding a tree removal request for our property located at 240 Alameda Padre Serra in Santa Barbara. My family, to include my Niece, Lesheena Lopez and Kyle Martin currently stay at the house and had submitted a tree removal application with the City of S.B. about 3 months ago. The good news is apparently, the request to have the tree removed or trimmed back was recently approved by your Department. My understanding is that you need my written or digital signature to start the process. Please, send me what is needed to get it finally approved. I can also be reached by phone message if needed. Please include your office phone contact, as I may have questions about the final process from here. Thank you, for your time. David J. Puikunas Message me anytime (805) 733-1700 email: [david.j.puikunas@earthlink.net](mailto:david.j.puikunas@earthlink.net)

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**May 2024**

*Date:* 4/23/2024  
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*Address:* 902 N. Nopal Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93103  
*Location of Tree:* 902 N. Nopal Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93103  
*Tree Species:* *Tipuana tipu,* *Common Name:* Tipu Tree  
*Zoning/Setback:* R-M 10'

*Reason for Removal:* Tree roots are starting to be exposed and going under the house foundation, and the tree service company says this tree is too big for the property and will keep growing.

*Proposed Replacement:* Yes  No

*Advisory Committee Recommendation:* Approve Removal:  Deny Removal:  N/A

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Front Yard 902 N. Nopal Street – Victor Beltran 5-22-24

# Tree Removal Application

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1. Tree is growing to a point where the branches are reaching the power lines  
 2. Tree roots are starting to be exposed and going under the house foundation  
 3. The city says this tree belongs to them and that the city should be trimming this tree, however in the 18 years I've been living here no one has come out to trim the tree, so I have been paying \$800-\$1,000 a year for maintenance.  
 -Cannot afford to keep paying for the maintenance  
 -Wondering if I can get some sort of reimbursement  
 4. The tree service company that we have been hiring says that this tree is too big for the property and will keep growing. (affect foundation, pipes, etc.)  
 Unable to Upload Pictures (Please contact me through email and I can send them through there, thank you)

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City of Santa Barbara  
FORESTRY DIVISION

ATTACHMENT

**STREET TREE MASTER PLAN  
SPECIES DESIGNATION CHANGE  
FOR ADOPTION**

Continued from  
April 2024

Date: 3/26/2024

Location: 500 – 700 blocks of N. Salsipuedes Street

Parkway Width: 500 – 600 blocks: 5.5' and 700 block: 3'

Present Species Designation:

|              |   |                    |
|--------------|---|--------------------|
| 500-600 Blk. | <i>Pinus canariensis</i>                          | Canary Island Pine |
| 700 Blk.     | <i>Prunus cerasifera</i><br><i>'Atropurpurea'</i> | Purple Leaf Plum   |

Current Species Profile:

| Botanical Name                         | Quantity  |
|--|-----------|
| Afrocarpus gracilior                   | 1         |
| Ligustrum lucidum                      | 1         |
| Pinus canariensis                      | 16        |
| Prunus cerasifera                      | 5         |
| Prunus cerasifera 'Krater<br>Vesuvius' | 2         |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                     | <b>25</b> |