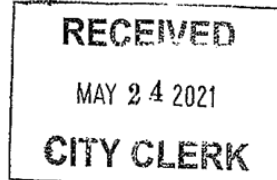


Heritage Tree Appeal Letter for 2443 Tamalpais Street



2439 Tamalpais ST.

Liem Decker

I am writing to appeal the decision to not remove the Eucalyptus and Palm trees from 2443 Tamalpais St. We live next door and have had several near misses of the palm leaves falling on our heads. The throws could tear you open. The homeowners little twin boys often play under the palm tree. The Eucalyptus tree has cracked their driveway in two places adjacent to the tree and raised up the driveway about 10 degrees on each side. The trunk is now only one inch from the driveway, and two feet from the water line. It is also raised up the sidewalk enough to prevent rain water from flowing down to the storm drain. The water puddles several inches deep at the apron of their driveway, where mosquitoes breed. These trees were planted in 1951, and are past their life expectancy. They have never fit in, with the look of the neighborhood. Years ago San Jose removed about 50 newly planted palms in the downtown area, because of the danger to anyone walking under them. If San Jose can remove 50 palms to avoid getting sued, surely you can remove 1. If my mother or I, or the twin boys are injured by these trees, we would not hesitate to sue the city.