

Debra Echard



DATE: 3.1.2025

TO: DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

FROM: Debra Echard Home owner 

RE: 1459 INDIANA AVE TREE REMOVAL

To Whom it may concern;

I received notice of tree removal at 1459 Indiana Ave.

I am extremely opposed to cutting down any more trees on this property.
I have lived in South Pasadena for 25 years. I am an advocate for the preservation of our community.

The City of South Pasadena has an preservation society to advocate and facilitate preservation on our community.
My home was one of many placed on Mid century modern historical landmark list.

These new home owners have cut down several 12-75 ft trees in the past few years.

When they cut the trees down I contacted the city about the tree removal and the city rep had told me the owners did not have a permit to cut those trees. I was never notified as how they rectified this.

Shortly after they installed solar panels. This was totally an unjust manner in which they were able to obtain solar power.

I have tried to get solar panels for years and cannot do so because I am protecting the oak trees on my property.

**These home owners now want to completely strip the property of all trees.
This is a tragedy!**

South Pasadena has regulations to protect mature trees. The Trees they now want to cut are perfectly healthy trees. They are not risk for failure. They have been there for over 75 years


I would like an arborist to review the trees they would like to cut down.

One of the trees is on our property line. Can you please check the property line markings.

The city is supposed to have strict guidelines to preserve its history.

The South Pasadena City Council amended the Municipal Code to further regulate removal of trees on any property within the City.

In addition, regulations have been added to protect mature heritage, native species and oak trees (4 inches in diameter or larger) on any property within the City.



South Pasadena Resident's Guide to the
City's Tree Ordinance

Help Keep South Pasadena Green & Beautiful

South Pasadena's charm is closely related to its lush canopy of trees. Trees provide shade for buildings—saving energy for air conditioning—hold soil in place, and protect our watershed. They provide habitat for birds and other animals. Indeed, South Pasadena's efforts to maintain its urban forest have won the community acclaim as a "Tree City USA", a designation made by the National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

Trees are a uniquely valuable natural resource. They provide protection from sun and wind, help replenish the oxygen supply, and enhance the scenery around our homes and neighborhoods. Trees, especially mature healthy trees, foster an image of beauty, tranquility, and stability throughout our community. These many benefits should be preserved for future generations.

I strongly believe the city needs to reevaluate this public works submission.

The city should not allow removal of the last remaining trees at 1459 Indiana Ave.

See photos of the property before the current home owners moved in and after. They have stripped the property bare of all mature trees. These trees take decades to grow.

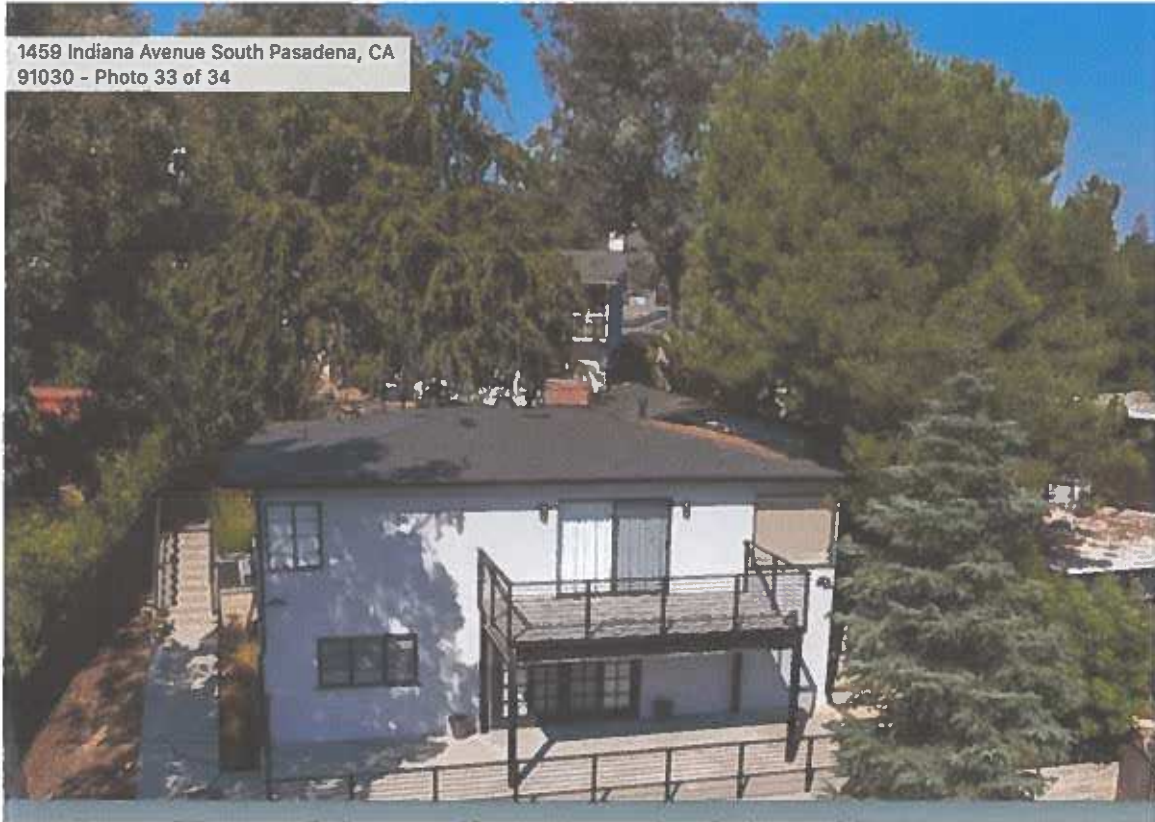
I am devastated to have to see the property in this state.

Sincerely,

Debra Echard

PHOTOS OF 1459 INDIANA AVE SOUTH PASADENA BEFORE THE
CURRENT HOME OWNERS CUT THEM DOWN WITHOUT A PERMIT.

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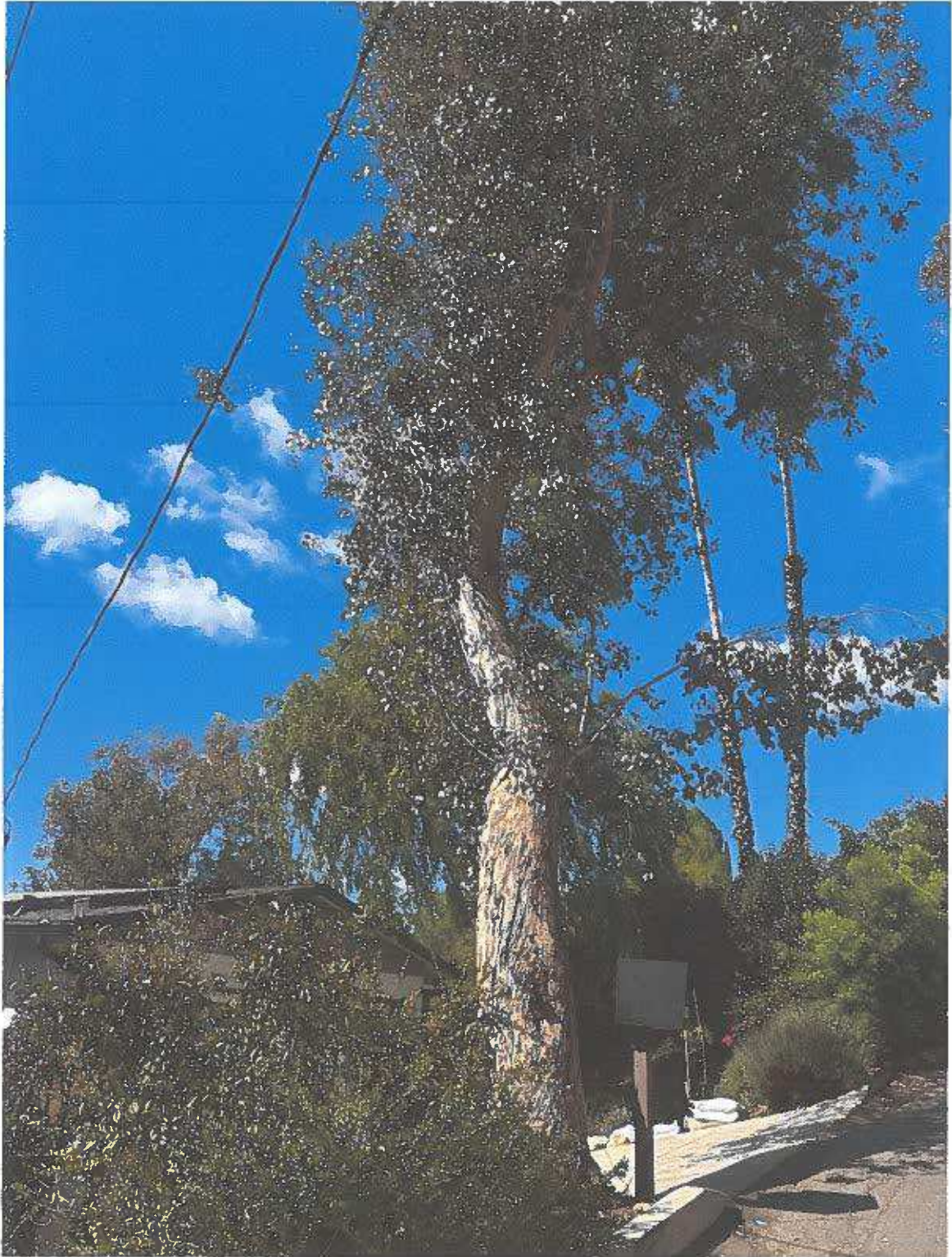
BEFORE THE LAST TREE REMOVAL



CURRENT VIEW OF HOME AFTER TREE REMOVAL & NOW THEY WANT TO REMOVE THE ONLY TWO MATURE TREES LEFT ON THE PROPERTY. THERE WILL BE NOTHING LEFT! THIS IS WRONG! THEY HAVE ALREADY STRIPPED THE PROPERTY OF SEVERAL HEALTHY MATURE TREES.



THIS TREE THEY WANT TO REMOVE IS ON OUR PROPERTY LINE. I DO NOT WANT THIS TREE REMOVED. CAN YOU PLEASE CHECK INTO THE PROPERTY LINE.





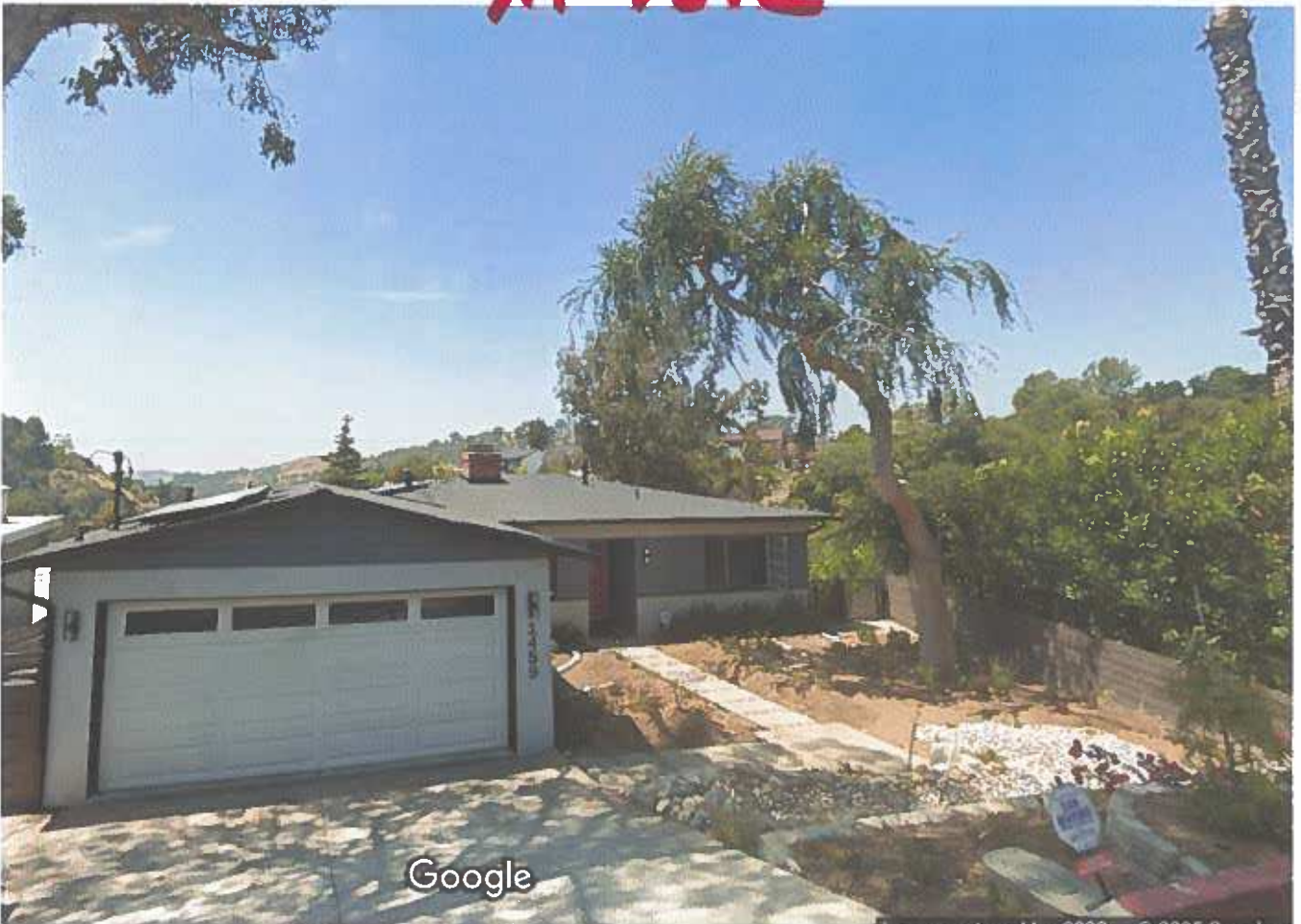
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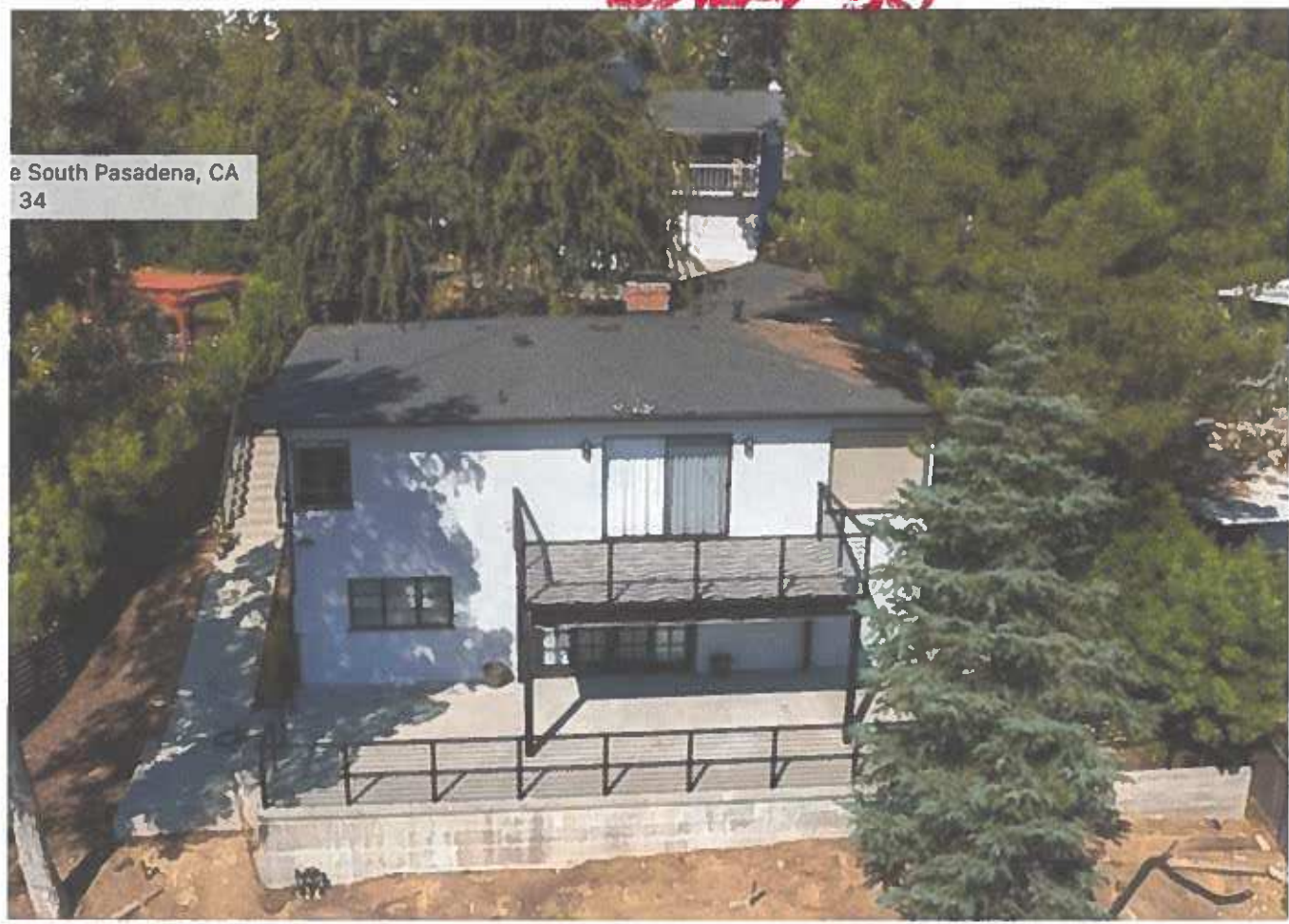


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