June 5, 2025

I, Juan Cardenas, am employed with the City of Burbank as the Forestry Services Supervisor and am a Certified Arborist. I have worked in for the field of Forestry with the City for over 33 years. Based upon my recollection and review of City records, I recall that on Monday, April 29, 2024, I was contacted by Ken Scarone. Ken informed me that he received a call on Sunday April 28, 2024, of a potential illegal pruning having occurred at 1083 E. Harvard Road, Burbank, California.

In response, I went to the address to inspect the tree and observed the same issue that Ken observed, specifically, the limbs on the house side had been trimmed. Only the tree adjacent to the home had been trimmed. I completed an inspection of the tree. After evaluating the condition of the tree, I spoke with my supervisor, Mike del Campo, to determine the appropriate next steps. He advised that we proceed with an arborist report. The illegal trimming had removed approximately 60% of the tree's foliage causing instability of the tree and potential safety concerns. Based on the extent of the damage, it was determined that the tree would need to be removed to prevent damage or injury to the public, and that the value of the tree would be charged along with any additional costs associated with its removal and replacement to the homeowner of 1083 E. Harvard Road.

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