

## Nicole Gaudette

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**From:** Jeff Miller <jefrodad@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 9, 2020 3:12 PM  
**To:** Nicole Gaudette; John Kenney  
**Subject:** Comments on CAO19-015

Hi Nicole and John. I visited the subject property with my wife and took some pictures. Nicole is correct, there are a lot of mature trees on their property and it is a shame that they want to develop it. Directly at the end of 38th St. is a massive fir tree, easily one that is old growth, probably 6 feet across at the base. Will that tree have to be cut down in order to provide access to this property? My primary comment to the city is that the Island community could benefit if some of the codes could be relaxed in favor of saving the trees. I have found from experience, for example, that water retention tanks might not be required if there are large trees that can be saved. Also, it would seem beneficial to allow them to be building their property up closer to a setback or a taller home than what is normally allowed in trade for saving more of these valuable mature trees that benefit the entire island.

Please keep me involved in this process, I would like to know more about what the plan is for altering that property, particularly with regard to what trees would be impacted. Thanks for your help,  
Jeff Miller

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Here's a picture of that fit tree on 38th



Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2020, at 1:22 PM, Nicole Gaudette <nicole.gaudette@mercergov.org> wrote:

Jeff,

Nice talking with you today. The property that is colored orange is the subject property.

**Nicole Gaudette**

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