

APPENDIX E

Tree Inventory Report

11/11/2020



Tree inventory report 9160, 9166 and 9174 Sunset Boulevard West Hollywood, CA

To Whom It May Concern:

On Friday, October 30th 2020 I visited the above-referenced properties in order to inventory the existing tree stock on these lots.

Once there I discovered one privately-owned tree located at 1974 Sunset Boulevard and three City-owned trees, one on Cory Avenue and two others on Sunset.

The privately-owned tree (Tree A) is an Indian Laurel Fig (*Ficus macrocarpa*) that spreads out north, east and west in order to get some sunshine onto it leaves as it lives to the north of its taller and wider municipal brother. Tree A is slated for removal as a part of the demolition process.

This dominant municipal specimen (Tree B) is located nearby on Cory Avenue, a quite large Indian Laurel Fig (*Ficus macrocarpa*) sited adjacent to the curb and spreading its crown out over the street, the sidewalk and the existing structure. The canopies of Tree A and Tree B constitute a single contiguous mass.

The texture of the sidewalk adjacent to Tree B is different than that of the sidewalk more distant from the trunk of this tree, clearly reflecting a more recent pour of cement from a sidewalk replacement, an all-to-common requirement when these shallow-rooted powerful tropical specimens are planted close to unreinforced masonry. Notwithstanding the (presumed) presence of a root barrier alongside the edges of the planter installed when the sidewalk was replaced, this problem may be expected to arise again if this tree is left standing. However, I have been informed by the developer that the City of West Hollywood, the owner of this municipal tree, is requiring the removal of Tree B as a condition of development.

Therefore, both of these ficus trees will be removed in the course of the forthcoming project.

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This leaves 2 more municipal trees to discuss, Trees C and D. These are recently planted Golden Rain Trees (*Koelreuteria paniculate*) sited along Sunset in grated planters. Surrounded by sidewalks that are to remain undisturbed during the course of construction, these trees are in no jeopardy from the forthcoming development.

Insofar as there are no Native trees on or adjacent to these properties, the only Municipal tree to be removed is being done so at the request of the City itself and the only privately-owned tree enjoys no level of protection from the City, there is no impediment to the development of these properties from the arboreal perspective.

Thanks for your time and attention and please get in touch if I may provide any additional information.

Sincerely yours,

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Please note – north/south and east/west canopy widths are measured at the widest diameter of the crowns and are only approximately in the directions listed.

Letter	Species	DSH	Height	Diameter North/South	Diameter East/West	Notes
Α.	Indian Laurel Fig Ficus macrocarp		22'	34'	35'	Robust
В	Indian Laurel Fig Ficus macrocarpe		45′	55′	42'	Robust. Destructive.
С	Golden Rain Tree Koelreuteria pan		8′	4'	4'	Recently planted. Adequate.
D.	Golden Rain Tree Koelreuteria pan		9'	6'	6'	Recently planted. Thriving.

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