



**CITY OF LOS ANGELES TREE REPORT
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CITY OF LOS ANGELES, CA 91364**

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TREE INVENTORY REPORT

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**Re: 20401 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills (City of Los Angeles), CA 91364
City of Los Angeles Tree Report**

Dear Ms. Conley,

This letter addresses our office's site visit on June 8, 2022 to the property located at 20401 Ventura Boulevard in Woodland Hills (City of Los Angeles), California. Carlberg Associates was retained to visit the property, inventory all qualifying private property and City of Los Angeles rights-of-way trees, and prepare a report in accordance with the City of Los Angeles' Tree Preservation Ordinance No. 186,873 (Chapter IV, Article 6 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code) and the guidelines set forth by the City of Los Angeles Planning Department. Protected trees and shrubs as set forth in the Ordinance are coast live oak, western sycamore, Southern California black walnut, California bay laurel, Mexican elderberry and toyon with trunk diameters (measured at 4.5 feet above grade) of 4 inches or greater. The Planning Division requires that all other trees with trunk diameters greater than 8 inches are included in the inventory, as well as any off-site trees whose canopies overhang the subject property.

The table on the following pages sets forth the data for the twenty-seven (27) inventoried trees: nineteen (19) are private property trees and four (4) are City rights-of-way trees. Additionally, there are four (4) trees on adjacent Caltrans property to the north whose canopies overhang the project site. ***None of the private property trees are considered protected by the City of Los Angeles' Tree Preservation Ordinance No. 186.873.*** By virtue of their trunk diameter size of eight inches and greater, all inventoried private property trees are considered 'significant' as defined by the City's Planning Division.

The 19 private property trees are all proposed to be removed to accommodate grading of the site and construction of the new self-storage facility. Any roots larger than two inches in diameter from the four offsite trees will be preserved and protected. The rights-of-way trees will also be preserved and protected; one is dead and can be removed when approved by the City's Urban Forestry Division.

Please feel welcome to contact me at our Santa Monica office if you have any immediate questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



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TABLE 1 – SUMMARY OF INVENTORIED TREES

Common Name	Botanical Name	Quantity	Protected?
Aleppo pine	<i>Pinus halepensis</i>	3	2 No, 1 OS
American sweetgum	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	4	ROW
Canary Island pine	<i>Pinus Canariensis</i>	2	No
evergreen pear	<i>Pyrus kawakamii</i>	2	No
glossy privet	<i>Ligustrum lucidum</i>	2	No
Hollywood juniper	<i>Juniperus chinensis 'Torulosa'</i>	1	No
Mexican fan palm	<i>Washingtonia robusta</i>	6	No
Shamel ash	<i>Fraxinus uhdei</i>	4	No
silver dollar gum	<i>Eucalyptus polyanthemos</i>	3	OS
TOTALS		27	4 ROW, 4 OS



TABLE 2 – TREE INVENTORY DATA

Tree #	Common Name	Botanical Name	Diameter at 4.5 feet (DBH)* in inches	Height (feet)	Canopy Spread (N/E/S/W) in feet	Health	Structure	“Protected”, “ROW”, or “Significant” Tree	Disposition	Comments
ST1	American sweetgum	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	19.6	20	13/10/12/11	B-	B-	ROW	Preserve and Protect	topped, pruned for wire and street clearance, MPE, EG, moderate dieback throughout
ST2	American sweetgum	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	21	22	15/14/14/12	B	B	ROW	Preserve and Protect	topped, pruned for wire and street clearance, MPE, EG, minor dieback throughout
ST3	American sweetgum	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	24.9	20	14/14/15/13	B	B-	ROW	Preserve and Protect	topped, pruned for wire and street clearance, MPE, EG, minor dieback throughout
ST4	American sweetgum	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	19.8	20	0/0/0/0	F	F	ROW	Remove with permission from Urban Forestry	tree standing dead
5	Mexican fan palm	<i>Washingtonia robusta</i>	BT-16	22	6/6/6/6	B+	B+	Significant	Remove	some fronds chlorotic
6	shamel ash	<i>Fraxinus uhdei</i>	6.5, 6.5	18	8/9/8/8	A	B	Significant	Remove	MPE, in parking lot cutout, light pole adjacent at base
7	Mexican fan palm	<i>Washingtonia robusta</i>	BT-12	18	5/5/5/5	A	A-	Significant	Remove	in parking lot planter
8	Mexican fan palm	<i>Washingtonia robusta</i>	BT-40	45	7/7/7/7	B	B	Significant	Remove	slight hourglass halfway up trunk, on or adjacent to property line to W



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9	Hollywood juniper	<i>Juniperus chinensis 'Torulosa'</i>	11.1, 12.6	18	4/9/14/11	B+	B	Significant	Remove	on or adjacent to property line to W, MPE
10	evergreen pear	<i>Pyrus kawakamii</i>	11.1	20	3/6/11/12	B	B	Significant	Remove	on or adjacent to property line to the W, trunk leans SW, MPE
11	evergreen pear	<i>Pyrus kawakamii</i>	9.7	20	5/5/9/10	B	B	Significant	Remove	on or adjacent to property line to the W, trunk leans SW, MPE
12	Aleppo pine	<i>Pinus halepensis</i>	29.9	50	17/14/22/21	A-	B+	Significant	Remove	at NW corner of property, concrete wall at base of trunk
13	Canary Island pine	<i>Pinus canariensis</i>	21	55	8/4/9/12	B+	B-	Significant	Remove	mechanical damage on lower trunk, exudation, MPE, minor dieback
14	Canary Island pine	<i>Pinus canariensis</i>	23.4	45	6/8/15/14	B+	B+	Significant	Remove	metal pole embedded at base, MPE, minor dieback
15	Mexican fan palm	<i>Washingtonia robusta</i>	BT-45	50	7/7/7/7	B-	B	Significant	Remove	fronds wilting, turning color
16	shiny xylosma	<i>Xylosma congesta</i>	8.6	20	0/7/6/0	C-	C-	Significant	Remove	sparse, mostly EG, one large trunk cut
17	shiny xylosma	<i>Xylosma congesta</i>	12.3	20	8/9/5/7	C	C	Significant	Remove	sparse, mostly EG, one large trunk cut
18	Mexican fan palm	<i>Washingtonia robusta</i>	BT-30	35	6/6/6/6	B+	B+	Significant	Remove	
19	Mexican fan palm	<i>Washingtonia robusta</i>	BT-40	45	6/6/6/6	B+	B+	Significant	Remove	slight hourglass

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20	shamel ash	<i>Fraxinus uhdei</i>	13.3	28	14/9/13/11	B	B	Significant	Remove	MPE, minor dieback, bougainvillea growing into canopy
21	Aleppo pine	<i>Pinus halepensis</i>	18.5	45	21/17/20/21	A	B	Significant	Remove	in elevated planter in existing structure foundation, bricks at base of trunk, MPE, minor dieback, decay at base on E side
22	shamel ash	<i>Fraxinus uhdei</i>	6.1, 6.3	16	7/6/6/8	B-	C-	Significant	Remove	topped, mostly EG, MPE, HOB, shaded out by adjacent eucalyptus
23	shamel ash	<i>Fraxinus uhdei</i>	8.1, 9.8, 15.6	30	12/10/8/12	B-	B	Significant	Remove	some top dieback, MPE, HOB, EG, codominant stems at base
OS24	silver dollar gum	<i>Eucalyptus polyanthemos</i>	~12, 14, 8	25	11/11/9/9	B-	C+	OS	Preserve and Protect	Caltrans property tree, overhangs property approx. 7 feet to the S, topped
OS25	silver dollar gum	<i>Eucalyptus polyanthemos</i>	~22, 24, 15	45	8/12/10/33	B	B-	OS	Preserve and Protect	Caltrans property tree, overhangs property approx. 6 feet to the S, 2 trunks lean W
OS26	Aleppo pine	<i>Pinus halepensis</i>	~17	35	15/13/13/20	B	B-	OS	Preserve and Protect	Caltrans property tree, overhangs property approx. 3 feet to the S
OS27	silver dollar gum	<i>Eucalyptus polyanthemos</i>	~14, 7.5	30	14/17/9/13	B	B	OS	Preserve and Protect	Caltrans property tree, overhangs property approx. 6 feet to the S



DBH – Diameter at breast height. A forestry term used to describe a tree's trunk diameter measured at 4.5 feet above grade. Often used as a representation of tree height.

HOB – History of breakage

MBA – Multiple branch attachments

MPE – Multiple pruning events

ROW – Right of Way tree

ST – Street tree

BT – Brown trunk (height)

COD – Column of decay

PM – Powdery mildew

EG – Epicormic growth

OS – Off-site

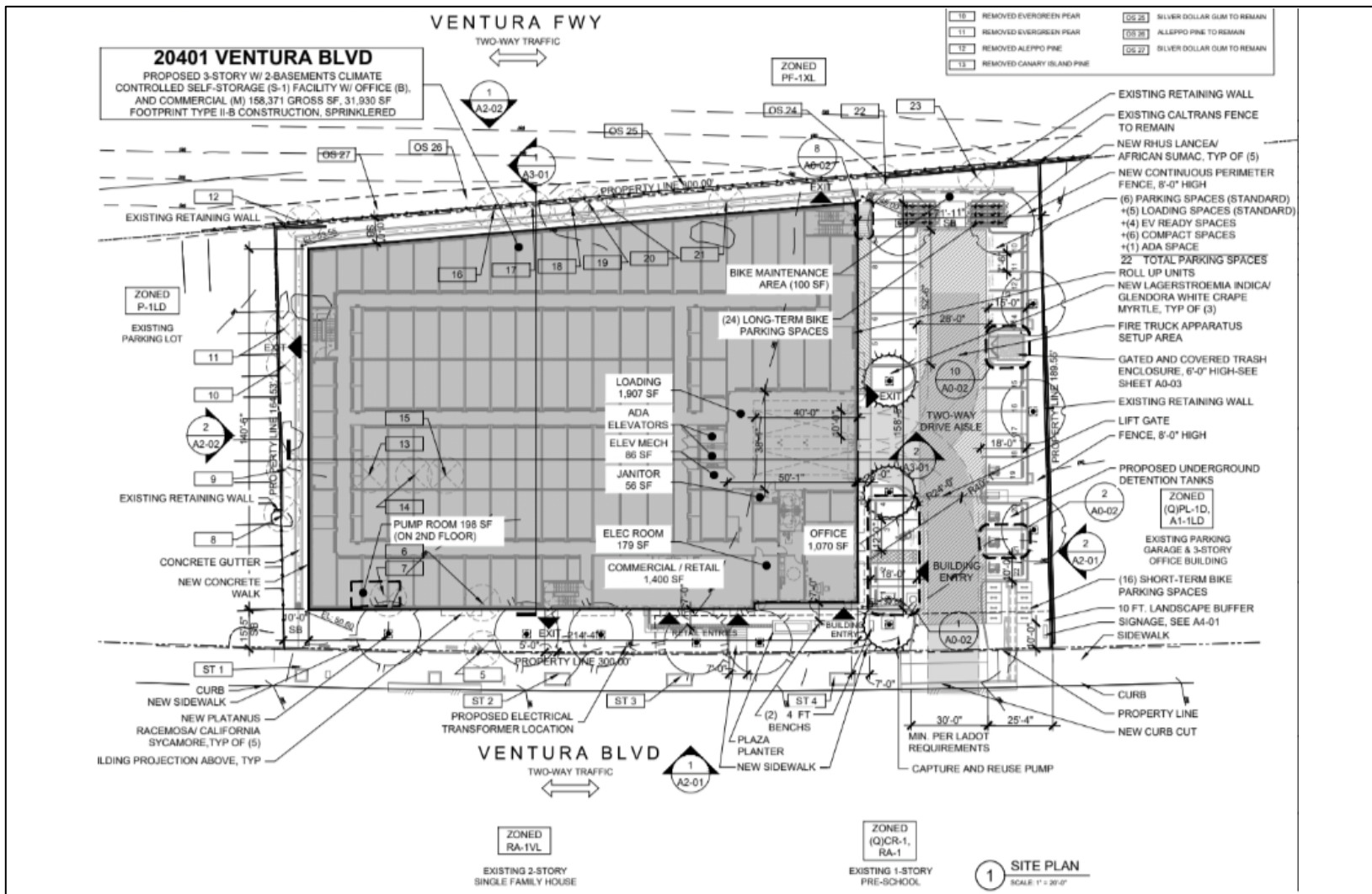
NO – On-site



**EXHIBIT A – AERIAL IMAGE OF SUBJECT PROPERTY
(BORDERED IN RED – Source: Bing Maps)**

Not to Scale





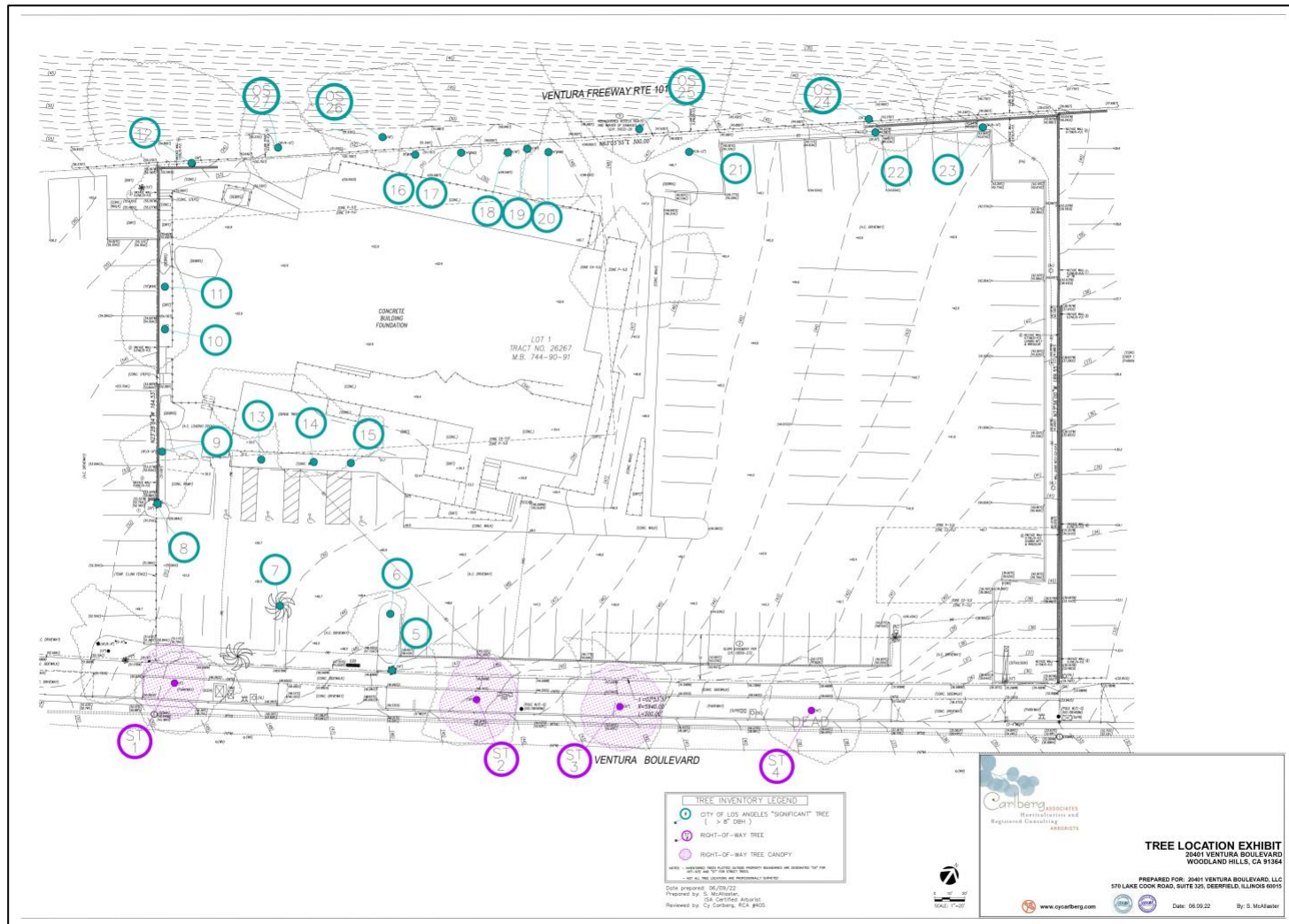


**EXHIBIT C – REDUCED COPY OF TREE LOCATION EXHIBIT
(NOT TO SCALE)**



EXHIBIT D – TREE PHOTOGRAPHS



Tree ST1



Tree ST2



Tree ST3



Tree ST4 (DEAD)





Tree 5



Tree 6



Tree 7



Trees 8(L), 9(R)





Trees 10(L), 11(R)



Tree 12



Trees 13-15 (R-L)



Trees 16(L), 17(R)



Trees 18-20 (L-R)



Tree 21



Tree 22



Tree 23



Tree OS24



Tree OS25



Tree OS26



Tree OS27



HEALTH AND STRUCTURE GRADE DEFINITIONS

Health and structure ratings of the trees are based on the archetype tree of the same species through a subjective evaluation of its physiological health, aesthetic quality, and structural integrity.

Overall physiological condition (health) and structural condition were rated A-F:

Health

- A. Outstanding – Exceptional trees of good growth form and vigor for their age class; exhibiting very good to excellent health as evidenced by normal to exceptional shoot growth during current season, good bud development and leaf color, lack of leaf, twig or branch dieback throughout the crown, and the absence of decay, bleeding, or cankers. Common leaf and/or twig pests may be noted at very minor levels.
- B. Above average – Good to very good trees that exhibit minor necrotic or physiological symptoms of stress and/or disease; shoot growth is less than reasonably expected, leaf color is less than optimal in some areas, the crown may be thinning, minor levels of leaf, twig, and branch dieback may be present, and minor areas of decay, bleeding, or cankers may be manifesting. Minor amounts of epicormic growth may be present. Minor amounts of fire damage or mechanical damage may be present. Still healthy, but with moderately diminished vigor and vitality. No significant decline noted.
- C. Average – Average, moderately good trees whose growth habit and physiological or fire-induced symptoms indicate an equal chance to either decline or continue with good health into the near future. Most of these trees exhibit moderate to significant small deadwood in outer crown areas, decreased shoot growth and diminished leaf color and mass. Some stem and branch dieback is usually present and epicormic growth may be moderate to extensive. Cavities, pockets of decay, relatively significant fire damage, bark exfoliation, or cracks may be present. Moderate to significant amounts of insect or disease symptoms may be present; the tree may be shaded or crowded in such a way that it is expected to negatively impact the lifespan of the tree. Tree may be in early decline.
- D. Below Average/Poor - trees whose growth habit and physiological or fire-induced symptoms indicate significant, irreversible decline. Most of these trees exhibit significant dieback of wood in the crown, possibly accompanied by significant epicormic sprouting. Shoot growth and leaf color and mass is either significantly diminished or nonexistent throughout the crown. Cavities, pockets of decay, significant fire damage, bark exfoliation, and/or cracks may be present. Significant amounts of insect or disease symptoms may be present; the tree may be shaded or crowded in such a way that it has negatively impacted the lifespan of the tree. Tree appears to be in irreversible decline.
- F. Dead or in spiral of decline – this tree exhibits very little to no signs of life.

Structure

- A. Outstanding – Trees with outstanding structure for their species exhibit trunk and branch arrangement and orientation that result in a sturdy form or architecture that resists failure under normal circumstances. The spacing, orientation, and size of the branches relative to the trunk are quintessential for the species and free from defects. No outward sign of decay or pathological disease is present. Some trees exhibit naturally inherent branching defects, like multiple, narrow points of attachment from one point on the trunk, which would preclude them from achieving an “A” grade.

- B. Above average - Trees with good to very good structure for their species. They exhibit trunk and branch arrangement and orientation that result in a relatively sturdy form or architecture that resists failure under normal circumstances, but may have some mechanical damage, over-pruning, or other minor structural defects. The spacing, orientation, and size of the branches relative to the trunk are still in the normal range for the species, but they exhibit a minor degree of defects. Minor, sub-critical levels of decay or pathological disease may be present, but the degree of damage is not yet structurally significant. Trees that exhibit naturally inherent branching defects, like multiple, narrow points of attachment from one point on the trunk, would generally fall in to this category. A small percentage of the canopy may be shaded or crowded, but not in such a way that it is expected to negatively impact the structural integrity or lifespan of the tree.
- C. Average - Trees with moderately good structure for their species, but with obvious defects. They exhibit trunk and branch arrangement and orientation that result in a less than sturdy form or architecture, which reduces their resistance to failure under normal circumstances. Moderate levels of mechanical damage, over-pruning, or other structural defects may be present. The spacing, orientation, and size of some of the branches relative to the trunk are not in the normal range for the species. Moderate to significant levels of decay or pathological disease may be present that increase the likelihood of structural instability. Influences such as an excessive trunk lean, slope erosion, root pruning, or other growth-inhibiting factors may be present. A moderate to significant percentage of the canopy may be shaded or crowded in such a way that it is expected to negatively impact the structural integrity or lifespan of the tree. Risk of full or partial failure in the near future appears to be moderately elevated.
- D. Well Below Average/Poor - Trees poor structure for their species and with obvious defects. They exhibit trunk and branch arrangement and orientation that result in a significantly less than sturdy form or architecture, significantly reducing their resistance to failure under normal circumstances. Significant levels of mechanical damage, over-pruning, or other structural defects may be present. The spacing, orientation, and size of many of the branches relative to the trunk are not in the normal range for the species. Significant levels of decay or pathological disease may be present that increase the likelihood of structural instability. Influences such as an excessive trunk lean, slope erosion, root pruning, or other growth-inhibiting factors may be present. A significant percentage of the canopy may be shaded or crowded in such a way that it is expected to negatively impact the structural integrity or lifespan of the tree. Risk of full or partial failure in the near future appears to be advanced.
- F. Severely Compromised – trees with very poor structure and numerous or severe defects due to growing conditions, historical or recent pruning, mechanical damage, history of limb or trunk failures, advanced and irreparable decay, disease, or severe fire damage. Trees with this rating are in severe, irreparable decline, or are barely alive. Risk of full or partial failures in the near future may be severe.

ARBORIST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Arborists are tree specialists who use their education, knowledge, training and experience to examine trees, recommend measures to enhance the beauty and health of trees, and attempt to reduce the risk of living near trees. Clients may choose to accept or disregard the recommendations of the arborist, or to seek additional advice.

Arborists cannot detect every condition that could possibly lead to the structural failure of a tree. Trees are living organisms that fail in ways we do not fully understand. Conditions are often hidden within trees and below ground. Arborists cannot guarantee that a tree will be healthy or safe under all circumstances, or for a specified period of time. Likewise, remedial treatments, like any medicine, cannot be guaranteed.

Treatment, pruning and removal of trees may involve considerations beyond the scope of the arborist's services such as property boundaries, property ownership, site lines, disputes between neighbors, and other issues. Arborists cannot take such considerations into account unless complete and accurate information is disclosed to the arborist. An arborist should then be expected to reasonably rely upon the completeness and accuracy of the information provided.

Trees contribute greatly to our enjoyment and appreciation of life. Nonetheless, they are subject to the laws of gravity and physiological decline. Therefore, neither arborists nor tree owners can be reasonably expected to warrant unfailing predictability or elimination of risk.

Trees can be managed, but they cannot be controlled. To live near trees is to accept some degree of risk. The only way to eliminate all risk associated with trees is to eliminate all trees.

Risk assessments were neither requested nor performed on any of the trees for this project.



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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Ms. Carlberg is experienced in the following areas of tree management and preservation:

- Tree health and risk assessment
- Master Planning
- Historic landscape assessments, preservation plans, reports
- Tree inventories and reports to satisfy jurisdictional requirements
- Expert Testimony
- Post-fire assessment, valuation, and mitigation for trees and native plant communities
- Value assessments for native and non-native trees
- Pest and disease identification
- Guidelines for oak preservation
- Selection of appropriate tree species
- Planting, pruning, and maintenance specifications
- Tree and landscape resource mapping – GPS, GIS, and AutoCAD
- Planning Commission, City Council, and community meetings representation

PREVIOUS CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

Ms. Carlberg has overseen residential and commercial construction projects to prevent damage to protected and specimen trees. She has thirty-five years of experience in arboriculture and horticulture and has performed tree health evaluation, value and risk assessment, and expert testimony for private clients, government agencies, cities, school districts, and colleges. Representative clients include:

The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens	The City of Claremont
The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens	The City of Beverly Hills
The Rose Bowl and Brookside Golf Course, Pasadena	The City of Pasadena
Walt Disney Concert Hall and Gardens	The City of Los Angeles
The Art Center College of Design, Pasadena	The City of Santa Monica
Pepperdine University	Santa Monica/Malibu Unified School District
Loyola Marymount University	San Diego Gas & Electric
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- California Urban Forests Council, Board Member, 1995-2006
- Street Tree Seminar, Past President, 2000-present
- American Society of Consulting Arborists Academy, Faculty Member, 2003-2005; 2014
- American Society of Consulting Arborists, Board of Directors, 2013-2015
- Member, Los Angeles Oak Woodland Habitat Conservation Strategic Alliance, 2010-present

