

Appendix M-1:
Tree Letter



The Tree Resource

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Mr. Manny Valencia
3003 Runyon Canyon Road
Los Angeles CA 90046

Dear Mr. Valencia,

This letter is in regards to the subject property 3003 Runyon Canyon Road, Los Angeles. I reviewed the site as an ISA Certified Arborist to evaluate for native protected species prior to the proposed construction.

Site History

The subject lot is 197,435.1 square feet and is located inside Runyon Canyon Park in the Hollywood Hills area of Los Angeles. It is currently developed with a 2,018 square foot single family residence. The current residence is a designated historical monument which the owner is planning to preserve and protect in place. The proposed construction is for a new single family residence which will not impact the existing structure.

PROTECTED TREES & SHRUBS, URBAN FORESTRY DIVISION

This property is under the jurisdiction of the City of Los Angeles and guided by the Native Tree & Shrub Protection Ordinance No. 186873. **Protected Trees** are defined by this ordinance as oaks (*Quercus* sp) indigenous to California but excluding the scrub oak (*Quercus dumosa*); Southern California black walnut (*Juglans californica* var. *californica*); Western sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*) and California bay laurel (*Umbellularia californica*) trees with a diameter at breast height (DBH) of four inches (4") or greater. **Protected Shrubs** are defined as Mexican Elderberry (*Sambucus mexicana*); Toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*) which measure four inches or more in cumulative diameter, four and one-half feet above the ground level at the base of the shrub.

There are NO trees or shrubs on this property in close proximity to the project that would be considered protected native within the City of LA - Native Tree & Shrub Protection Ordinance.

Neighbor Trees

I have also inspected the neighboring properties to confirm there are no protected tree species that are adjacent to the construction zone, or in areas of impact.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (310) 663-2290.

Respectfully submitted,

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