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27 October 2022  
Kazanchyan Design  
ATTN: Armen Kazanchyan  
RE: Updated Historic Tree Classification and Tree Protection  
17534-17540 Sherman Way, Los Angeles

Armen:

This letter is to update the initial April 2019 report at the above location. Research by the Los Angeles City Planning Department's Office of Historic Resources have indicated that the Street Trees listed in the report (Mexican Fan Palms and Deodara Cedars) are considered Historic. Per the Department the Deodara Cedars were planted in 1948 as part of a subdivision owned by The Regency, Inc. Street trees appear to meet local criteria only and may not meet significance thresholds for National Register or California Register eligibility.

The Mexican Fan Palms are considered significant as representing the street planting plan for Sherman Way (paved between 1911 and 1913), which was the main automobile and streetcar corridor from central Los Angeles to Van Nuys and Reseda. Designed to advertise large tracts of Valley land ripe for development. Trees continue further east in the Van Nuys-North Sherman Oaks Community Plan Area (CPA) and west in the Canoga Park CPA. The street trees appear to meet local criteria only and may not meet significance thresholds for National Register or California Register eligibility.

Accordingly I have Updated the Tree Protection Recommendations as follows:

The Historic Street Trees should be protected by establishing a Tree Protection Zone (TPZ). The TPZ should encompass the grass parkway, curb to sidewalk, in front of the properties on Sherman Way. The TPZ for the Palm on Caldas Ave. should encompass the grass parkway, from curb to sidewalk, and six (6) feet north and south of the palm. For the Crepe Myrtle the TPZ should also encompass the grass parkway, from sidewalk to curb, to the edge of the crown's dripline north and south of the tree.

The following Tree protection Zone recommendations should be followed:

1. The TPZ fencing should be 4 ft. tall at the edge of the TPZ. Orange mesh (hurricane) or chain link fencing should be used. The TPZ fence will remain in place during all construction activities in the area.



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2. No heavy equipment within the TPZ.
  3. No stockpiling of soils or construction materials within the TPZ.
  4. Irrigation shall remain on during project. Notify the Consulting Arborist if changes occur.
  5. No additional water shall be added without direct Arborist approval.
  6. Notify Consulting Arborist if hardscape demolition or trenching is to occur within 10 ft. of TPZ fence line.
  7. The following root protections are to be followed if trenching operations are required within the TPZ or sidewalk replacement occurs:
    - Exploratory hand digging to locate major roots where possible.
    - Roots should be cut cleanly with a sharpened, sterilized pruning tool.
    - Roots that are 3 inches or larger that need to be pruned will be cut cleanly with a saw (chainsaws and reciprocating saws are allowed). No roots will be chopped with an axe or power equipment.
    - Roots discovered to be damaged below the surface during trenching activities will be traced back 4-6 inches above the break and cut cleanly before the end of the workday. Moist native soil will then re-cover the exposed root.
    - No damaged or cut roots are to be left exposed overnight.
  8. Overhanging limbs should be evaluated for potential future equipment and/or vehicle contact. Contact Consulting Arborist for mediation measures.
  9. No limbs or branches are to be pruned without prior approval of the Consulting Arborist.
  10. No use of or idling of equipment with exhaust pipes near overhanging limbs or branches.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Gorsuch', is centered on the page. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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