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Planning Department, Town of Los Gatos

RE: Response to Consulting Arborist / 16195 George Street

Based on the suggestions from the consulting arborist expressing a desire for larger drought tolerant trees, I made the following changes based on available planting locations, proximity to structures, overhead clearances, seasonal interest, screening ability, WUCOLS "Low" water requirements, canopy size, and ease of maintenance.

Instead of Chinese Pistache for the street trees (which would match the trees across the street), these have been changed to *Quercus suber* (Cork Oak). The Cork Oak was selected over the Coast Live oak, as it will be more manageable in size and still provide a large evergreen canopy to shade the paving at the street and sidewalk. For the shade trees inside the property have been changed to Chinese Pistache. The *Pistachia chinensis* was selected over *Zelkova serrata* because it has more seasonal interest and is rated as Low-water use, as opposed to the Zelkova which is Moderate-water use. For the screening/privacy planting along the sides of the property, the plants have been changed from *Prunus caroliniana* 'Compacta' to *Prunus caroliniana*. We are looking for evergreen trees that will be appropriate for screening in narrow areas. The *Prunus caroliniana* is also Low-water use. The remainder of the trees are *Lagerstroemia* x 'Natchez' to add more shade, flowering species, and seasonal interest where we have smaller planter beds.

The replacement requirements count equals to 27 each, 24" box trees.

Current plan proposes 28 trees, consisting of 12 each, 24" box (*Quercus suber*, *Pistachia chinensis* 'Keith Davey', and *Lagerstroemia* x 'Natchez') and 16 each, 15 gallon (*Prunus caroliniana*)

I tried to fit as many trees on the properties, where it made sense. Let me know if this helps.

As noted on Grading and Drainage plan, existing tree #884 will require bridging for tree protection and observation during grading.

Chinese Pistache and Cork Oak trees grow from 30 to 60 feet. Table located on L-3.
Trees 1,4,5,8,16,17,18,19.

Thanks,

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