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Re: response letter detailing changes made to report in accordance with City Arborist comment letter dated 5/7/2025 for proposed renovation at 31 University Ave, Los Gatos, CA 95030

Dear Matthew,

Here is a list of the changes made to my report based on the City Arborist comment letter referenced above. The comment letter was prepared by Erin Walters and contains three points requiring attention.

• Point 1:

- There are no specific tree protection measures regarding those proposed for retention Sec. 29.10.1000. New property development. (c). The trees to be retained need to be indicated as Type III protection at a minimum both is the report and on the T-1 plan sheet.
 - This information is included in the map accompanying my arborist report, titled "31 University Ave Tree Map V1 2025-03-05," available at: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ACHFDb0XSloLUUmBJgu24aLrJXGNfO0E/viewgusp=drivelink

Point 2:

- Tree appraisals were not performed and related values provided 29.10.1000. New property development. (c)(3). Trees to be retained need to be appraised using the Trunk Formula Technique as outlined in the Guide for Plant Appraisal 10th Edition.
 - Appraisals have been performed, and a new column with appraised values
 has been added to the tree table, available here:
 https://drive.google.com/file/d/11bNTsHKxEEWvZs3-UxinKoGs1GJl4Ndr/view?
 usp=drive link

Point 3:

- The plan set does not contain the required Tree Preservation Instructions (Sheet T-1) sheet Sec. 29.10.1000. New property development.
 - This item is outside my purview and will need to be addressed by others on the project team.

Respectfully submitted,

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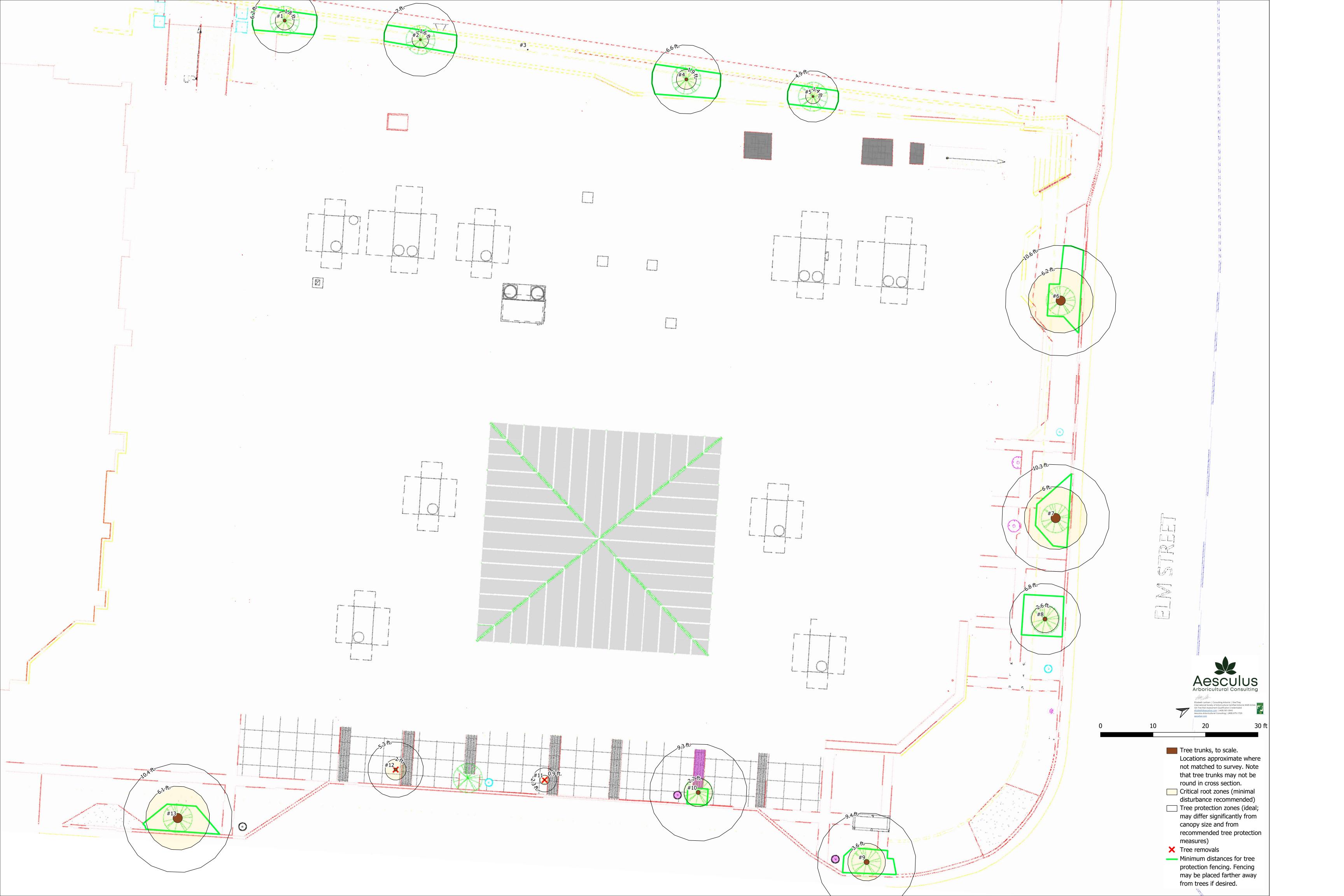
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Arborist Peer Review Recommendation #3-

- The plan set does not contain the required Tree Preservation Instructions (T-1) sheet Section 29.10.1000. New Property Development.

Applicant's Response-

T-1 Sheet (T-1A, T-1B and T-1C) have been added to the plan set, providing Tree Protection Report, Tree Map, and Tree Table with Applicable Data. Tree protection measures are provided on Sheet T-1C and depicted on the Tree Map. Tree Appraisals are provided on Sheet T-1C, depicted in the tree table.



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Tree # (13 total)	Common Name	Species	DBH (in.)	Canopy Spread (ft.)	Vitality Rating (%)	Structure Rating (%)	Form Rating (%)	Suitability for Preservation (%)	Protected Tree - 11	Street Tree - 8	Off-Site Tree - 0	Protected Removals - 2	Appraised Value (worksheet available upon request)	CRZ radius (ft. from center of trunk)	TPZ radius (ideal; ft. from center of trunk)	Expected Impacts (with recommended protection)
1	Callery pear	Pyrus calleryana	6.2	10	50	50	60	50	~				\$16,800.00	1.8	6.2	Minimal from project as proposed
2	Callery pear	Pyrus calleryana	5.6	8	30	40	30	35	~				\$900.00	1.6	7.0	Minimal from project as proposed
3	Callery pear	Pyrus calleryana	2.4	4	10	10	10	10					-	-	-	-
4	Callery pear	Pyrus calleryana	6.6	10	50	50	60	50	Y				\$1,400.00	1.9	6.6	Minimal from project as proposed
5	Callery pear	Pyrus calleryana	4.9	10	40	50	50	45	>				\$790.00	1.4	4.9	Minimal from project as proposed
6	Coast live oak	Quercus agrifolia	21.1	40	80	50	80	65	Y	Y			\$13,200.00	6.2	10.6	Minimal from project as proposed
7	Coast live oak	Quercus agrifolia	20.7	30	80	50	80	65	~	~			\$12,600.00	6.0	10.3	Minimal from project as proposed
8	Coast live oak	Quercus agrifolia	9.0	18	60	50	60	55	~	~			\$2,280.00	2.6	6.8	Minimal from project as proposed
9	Coast live oak	Quercus agrifolia	12.5	16	50	50	50	50	~	~			\$4,270.00	3.6	9.4	Minimal from project as proposed
10	Coast live oak	Quercus agrifolia	9.3	20	30	50	30	40	~	~			\$2,250.00	2.7	9.3	Moderate to major from proposed sidewalk work

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11	Crape myrtle	Lagerstroemia indica	3.0	7	70	50	60	60		~		>	\$260.00	0.9	2.3	Incompatible with proposed sidewalk work
12	Coast live oak	Quercus agrifolia	7.0	18	60	50	60	55	~	~		>	\$1,380.00	2.0	5.3	Incompatible with proposed sidewalk work
13	Coast live oak	Quercus agrifolia	20.8	30	80	50	60	65	Y	Y			\$12,500.00	6.1	10.4	Minimal from project as proposed

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Tag #3281; girdling root

Tag #3282

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Canopy spread is average due to uneven canopy dist. One foot-deep cavity in base.

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