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To: Town of Los Gatos

**Community Development Department** 

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City Record #: AS-24-043 & Z-23-005

## Responses to Consulting Arborist Report September 11, 2024

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## Recommendations

1. Place tree numbers on all plans including the Grading and Drainage plans. Make sure the plans and tree removals are consistent between the plan sets. Provide access to trees not assessed through the property on the south side.

This is addressed. All trees have been numbers on all plans.

2. Remove Exempt orange #196. Place fence inside the setback to protect #190, #191, #192, and #193. Trees in the back of the site #186 through #189 are not near proposed improvements and are already segregated by a fence.

Exempt orange #196 is removed accordingly. Fence is provided to protect #190, #191, #192, and #193. Please see tree protection plan on sheet G007.

- 3. Place 4-6 inches of mulch inside the tree protection zone. Install temporary irrigation or soaked hoses in the TPZ. Monitor watering times or amounts to ensure adequate soil saturation. (A 5/8" soaker hose requires about 200 minutes to deliver one inch of water to a garden. This number is affected by the length of the hose and the overall rate of flow from the faucet. A good rule of thumb is to expect about ½ GPM as a standard faucet flow rate.) Infrequent deeper watering is preferred.

  This is noted. Please see tree protection plan on sheet G007.
- 4. All tree maintenance and care shall be performed by a qualified arborist with a C-61/D-49 California Contractors License. Tree maintenance and care shall be specified in writing according to American National Standard for Tree Care Operations: Tree, Shrub, and Other Woody Plant Management: Standard Practices parts 1 through 10 and adhere to ANSI Z133.1 safety standards and local regulations. All maintenance is to be performed according to ISA Best Management Practices.

  This is noted. Please see tree protection plan on sheet G007.
- 5. Refer to Appendix D for general tree protection guidelines including recommendations for arborist assistance while working under trees, trenching, or excavation within a trees drip line or designated TPZ/CRZ.

This is noted. Please see tree protection plan on sheet G007.

6. Place all the tree protection fence locations and guidelines on the plans including the grading, drainage, and utility plans. Create a separate plan sheet that includes all three protection measures labeled "T-1 Tree Protection Plan."

- This is understood. Tree protection fence locations and guidelines are provided on the plans. Please refer to sheet G007 for Tree Protection Plan.
- 7. Provide a copy of this report to all contractors and project managers, including the architect, civil engineer, and landscape designer or architect. It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure all parties are familiar with this document. Arrange a pre-construction meeting with the project arborist or landscape architect to verify tree protection is in place, with the correct materials, and at proper distances.

  This is understood and noted on the plans, please see tree protection plan on sheet G007.