

Attachment A - Amendment Request Letter

June 14th, 2019

Urban Forestry Advisory Committee
Attn: Michael King
City Yards
Parks & Natural Resources
233 W Mountain St.
Pasadena, CA 91103

Re: Master Street Tree Plan Amendment Request – W. Walnut Street

Dear Mr. King:

On behalf of Lincoln Properties, the property owner of the project currently under way at 10 W Walnut St, this letter formally requests an amendment of the Pasadena Master Street Tree Plan (MSTP) for W Walnut Street between Fair Oaks Boulevard and Corson Street. The project underway involves rehabilitation of the sidewalk along the South side of W. Walnut St between Fair Oaks Ave and an existing driveway roughly 425 feet West. Project plans call for *Lagerstroemia indica x fauriei* 'Natchez', Natchez Crape Myrtle to be planted as the new street trees; this letter seeks to amend the MSTP to designate that species as the official street tree for this portion of W. Walnut St. The MSTP currently designates *Pyrus calleryana*, Bradford Pear, for this portion of W. Walnut St.

The existing conditions of this section of W. Walnut St do not match the current MSTP designation. On the North side the street, *Magnolia grandiflora*, Southern Magnolia, is planted in all the tree wells in the sidewalk. On the South side of the street, white-flowering *Lagerstroemia indica*, Crape Myrtle varieties are already planted; these match the appearance of the intended new species requested in this letter. With acceptance of this amendment, in the time between the execution of the project at 10 W. Walnut and any future replacement of the Southern Magnolias, the flower color during spring and summer on either side of W Walnut St will be coherent – helping to preserve the beautification objective of the MSTP.

Amending the MSTP to designate Natchez Crape Myrtle for this section of W. Walnut will help to unify this street with adjacent city blocks. The intersecting street, Fair Oaks Avenue, has Crape Myrtle designated from Orange Grove Boulevard all the way South to Columbia Street. Furthermore, the few existing street trees on the first block of Walnut St East of Fair Oaks Ave are already *Lagerstroemia indica* varieties as well.

In summary, amending the MSTP as suggested in this letter will maintain coherence with current conditions, reduce the potential for phased inconsistencies as existing trees get replaced, and guarantee a unified aesthetic within an active

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hub of Old Pasadena. We are eager to help facilitate any effort necessary to process this request and will be in contact with the Avilla Apartments across the street from the 10 W. Walnut project. We would appreciate your assistance in the form of contact information for other property owners we may need to contact. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any guidance about actions we will need to take.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Devon Santy", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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