

Agenda Report

DATE: JUNE 2, 2003

TO: CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIMEN TREE LIST

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution amending the Specimen Tree List (Exhibit A) as set forth in Pasadena Municipal Code Chapter 8.52 "The City Trees and Tree Protection Ordinance."

URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

At their regular meeting of April 16, 2003, the Urban Forestry Advisory Committee voted to recommend that the City Council adopt a Resolution to amend the Specimen Tree List that will provide protection for more trees in Pasadena.

BACKGROUND

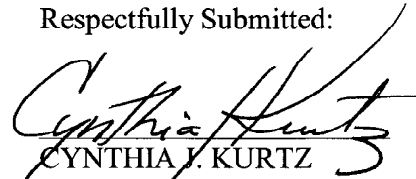
On April 15, 2002, the City Council adopted a Specimen Tree List by resolution, which consisted of 63 protected species. At that time, Council directed staff to continue to look for trees that would be of a desirable species for protection. The Urban Forestry Advisory Committee (UFAC) prepared a list of trees that reflect the rich heritage of trees in Pasadena to be added to the Specimen Tree List (Attachment A). Staff from the Parks and Natural Resources Division of the Department of Public Works has reviewed the recommended trees, and determined that the trees meet the criteria as set forth by Pasadena Municipal Code Chapter 8.52. Specimen Trees, as defined, possess distinctive form, size, or age and are considered to be an outstanding specimen of a desirable species to warrant protection under the Tree Protection Ordinance. Adoption of the attached resolution will add 45 tree species to the existing list, providing an environment that will continue to preserve and grow the canopy of Pasadena's urban forest. Upon adoption of this resolution, Pasadena will protect 108 species of trees.

Specimen Tree List Amendment
June 2, 2003


FICAL IMPACT

On April 21, 2003, Council adopted amendments to the General Fee Schedule, which included an increase in fees for Tree Protection Plan Review and Tree Removal applications to recover costs for review, to be effective July 1, 2003. It is anticipated that the additional trees will not add any substantial fiscal impact.


Respectfully Submitted:


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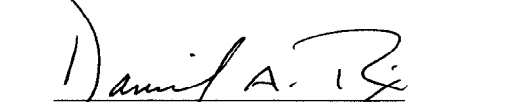
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