

October 17, 2006

Mr. Martin Pastucha
Director of Public Works
City of Pasadena
117 E. Colorado Blvd, 4th floor
Pasadena, Ca 91105

Dear Martin:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us yesterday. It sounds as though you have done a lot of work and are almost prepared to bring forth a comprehensive treescape plan. I did participate in the 1996 plan, the Playhouse District Plan and the recently adopted Downtown General Plan. I hope the tree plan coming forward builds on the previous efforts on which the community worked to diligently. Having worked on several tree-planning efforts I realize that there are various viewpoints and strong emotions, we all want a beautiful Pasadena, but change is inevitable—even in the “natural” world.

You also indicated that you would look at several specific pending tree problems. I am enclosing three pieces of correspondence without the attachments. Unfortunately I sent the first one dated August 8th to the wrong person, I hope this didn't create too much confusion.

Ms Bara has replied by phone that we are scheduled to go to UFAC in December to review our situation. Please let me know if there is any further information I can provide or if I need to prepare for the December UFAC meeting in any way.

Again, thank you for your attention and courtesy in our meeting, it is not always easy with so many individual problems and perspectives.

Very truly yours,

Joel V. Sheldon

CC: Catherine Haskett Hanney, Executive Director, Playhouse District Association
Ken McCormick, Chair, Streetscape Committee, Playhouse District Association
Larry Minasian, Minasian & Associates, property managers

02/02/2009
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September 29, 2006

Ms. Darya Bara
Parks and Natural Resources
City of Pasadena
Pasadena, Ca 91109

Dear Ms Barar:

You may recall our telephone conversation that followed several letters we wrote to you in August. In that conversation you indicated that you would take a closer look at our tree root problem.

As luck would have it, the other day I walked past our clean out drain while the plumbing company was clearing the sewer line. I immediately found a camera to graphically record our problem (I should have thought of this earlier!). I must admit that people on the sidewalk must have thought I was slightly crazed because I was so ecstatic to be able to document our situation.

I think you can see from the enclosed photos that it is very clear the tree roots have invaded the sewer line. As explained on the phone, the lowest point in our building is an old "washroom" on the first floor. Three times in my experience the sewer has backed up and flooded a significant portion of our sales floor. It gets ugly when this occurs. It is time consuming, expensive, a safety hazard and disgusting to those of us who have to clean it up.

I would be glad to show you the difficulty or invite you out to witness our next roto rooting process---although my hope would be that we can reach a positive conclusion soon so that we don't have to worry about another occurrence all the time.

Very truly yours,

Joel V. Sheldon

CC: Catherine Haskett Hanney, Executive Director, Playhouse District Association
Ken McCormick, Chair, Streetscape Committee, Playhouse District Association
Larry Minasian, Minasian & Associates, property managers

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August 8, 2006

City of Pasadena
Department of Public Works
Parks and Natural Resources
233 West Mountain Street
Pasadena, CA 91103
Attention: Darya Darcer

RE: 695 E Colorado Blvd.

Dear Ms. Darcer:

I am writing to you regarding a city related problem. It is my understanding that this problem has already been brought to your attention by Minasian & Associates, on behalf of The Atrium building next door.

Vroman's has been experiencing a recurring problem with the plumbing for the bookstore for many years now. Approximately once every two-three months the mainline to the building backs up causing raw sewage to back up into the building. Historically, this problem has proven to be extremely costly and concerning, given the health hazard and clean up involved.

The plumbing company has reported that there are tree routes in the plumbing line that are continuing to cause the back up problem and will continue to cause the problem until the tree is removed. The tree that is causing the problem is a City tree located in front of the building along Colorado Blvd. In order to manage this problem, we have been forced to set up regular service with our plumbing company, every 1-3 months, at great expense. (see sample bills attached,) and still risk the occasional back up of raw sewage.

It is our understanding that the City of Pasadena has scheduled the removal of this tree per the UFAC's master plan. We are requesting that this tree be removed now to prevent further damage to Vroman's Bookstore, the Atrium, and the sidewalk on Colorado Blvd. This problem is costly, but, more importantly, represents a potential health hazard.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 626-449-5320. Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Joel Sheldon
President

Cc: Deanne Cantu
L. Minasian

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Jomsky, Mark

From: Jomsky, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2009 9:54 AM
To: Bogaard, Bill; Bogaard, Bill; Gordo, Victor; Haderlein, Steve; Haderlein, Steve; Holden, Chris; Holden, Chris; Madison, Steve; Madison, Steve; McAustin, Margaret; McAustin, Margaret; Robinson, Jacque; Robinson, Jacque; Tyler, Sid
Cc: Beck, Michael; Gutierrez, Julie; Mermell, Steve; Bruckner, Richard
Subject: FW: trees on Colorado Blvd

A second email received as correspondence regarding trees on Colorado Boulevard.

Mark Jomsky
City Clerk
(626) 744-4709

From: Polly Wheaton [mailto:pollywheaton@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, January 19, 2009 3:26 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: trees on Colorado Blvd

PLEASE PASADENA, KEEP THE TREES ON COLORADO.

THE WORLD NEEDS TO THINK GREEN

WE LIVE IN A DESERT. WE NEED ALL THE SHADE WE CAN GET. WE NEED THE FILTER OF THE TREES TO CLEAN OUR AIR. THE SIDEWALKS CAN BE FIXED AND ALTERED. GINKOS DON'T DO IT. LOOK WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN PLANTED TWO YEARS AGO. JUST STICKS. THE PLAN TO REMOVE THESE TREES WAS DREAMT UP IN THE 90'S. AND NOW WE ARE MORE AWARE OF HOW GREEN WE SHOULD BE. KEEP THE MATURE TREES

PLEASE KEEP PASADENA BEAUTIFUL

POLLY WHEATON

PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH THE CITY MANAGER, THE MAYOR AND ALL THE COUNCIL

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Jomsky, Mark

From: Jomsky, Mark
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 10:50 AM
To: Bogaard, Bill; Bogaard, Bill; Gordo, Victor; Haderlein, Steve; Haderlein, Steve; Holden, Chris; Holden, Chris; Madison, Steve; Madison, Steve; McAustin, Margaret; McAustin, Margaret; Robinson, Jacque; Robinson, Jacque; Tyler, Sid
Cc: Beck, Michael; Gutierrez, Julie; Mermell, Steve; Bruckner, Richard; Bagneris, Michele
Subject: FW: trees on colorado

Below, please find email correspondence regarding the tree removal issue on Colorado Boulevard.

Mark Jomsky
City Clerk
(626) 744-4709

From: exactalady@aol.com [mailto:exactalady@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 10:34 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: trees on colorado

I simply could not believe it when I heard that the City was going to remove large, mature and beautiful shade trees on Colorado Bld and replace them with immature palm trees which provide little shade and do not combat carbon monoxide as well as trees without foilage. What on earth is the City thinking in this Green Age Please rethink this plan.

Gretchen Seager\Sotheby's International Realty
459 E Colorado Blvd

Pasadena 91101

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Jomsky, Mark

From: Jomsky, Mark
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 5:31 PM
To: Bogaard, Bill; Bogaard, Bill; Gordo, Victor; Haderlein, Steve; Haderlein, Steve; Holden, Chris; Holden, Chris; Madison, Steve; Madison, Steve; McAustin, Margaret; McAustin, Margaret; Robinson, Jacque; Robinson, Jacque; Tyler, Sid
Cc: Beck, Michael; Gutierrez, Julie; Mermell, Steve; Pastucha, Martin; Bagneris, Michele
Subject: FW: re ficus trees

Please see the email below for correspondence received regarding the tree removal issue on Colorado Boulevard.

Mark Jomsky
City Clerk
(626) 744-4709

From: Wencom@aol.com [mailto:Wencom@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 5:24 PM
To: mjomsky@cityof; pasadena.net@imo-m21.mx.aol.com
Subject: re ficus trees

I am distressed over your plans to remove the trees on Colorado Blvd. Pasadena has become a very sad place with the density of the buildings - not softened by our famous Pasadena trees.

From Wall Street to Main Street and everywhere in between, stay up-to-date with the [latest news](#).

Jomsky, Mark

From: Jomsky, Mark
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 5:33 PM
To: Bogaard, Bill; Bogaard, Bill; Gordo, Victor; Haderlein, Steve; Haderlein, Steve; Holden, Chris; Holden, Chris; Madison, Steve; Madison, Steve; McAustin, Margaret; McAustin, Margaret; Robinson, Jacque; Robinson, Jacque; Tyler, Sid
Cc: Beck, Michael; Gutierrez, Julie; Mermell, Steve; Pastucha, Martin; Bagneris, Michele
Subject: FW: removal of trees on Colorado between Los Robles and Lake

Please see the email below for correspondence received regarding the tree removal issue on Colorado Boulevard.

Mark Jomsky
City Clerk
(626) 744-4709

From: Jakiege@aol.com [mailto:Jakiege@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 5:31 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: removal of trees on Colorado between Los Robles and Lake

To Members of the City Council,

I am definitely against the removal of the Ficus trees on Colorado Blvd. between Los Robles and Lake Ave. If the trees had been pruned regularly they would not be a problem. I feel Ginko trees and Fan palms are a bad choice for replacement. Please give this matter more study before the trees are removed or replaced.

Sincerely,

Joyce G. Engs
Member of the Pasadena Garden Club
Garden Club of America

January 21, 2009

A Good Credit Score is 700 or Above. See yours in just 2 easy steps!

Jomsky, Mark

From: Jomsky, Mark
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2009 5:27 PM
To: Bogaard, Bill; Bogaard, Bill; Gordo, Victor; Haderlein, Steve; Haderlein, Steve; Holden, Chris; Holden, Chris; Madison, Steve; Madison, Steve; McAustin, Margaret; McAustin, Margaret; Robinson, Jacque; Robinson, Jacque; Tyler, Sid
Cc: Beck, Michael; Gutierrez, Julie; Mermell, Steve; Pastucha, Martin
Subject: FW: Colorado street trees

Below is email correspondence related to the removal of trees on Colorado Boulevard.

Mark Jomsky
City Clerk
(626) 744-4709

From: Susan Seidel [mailto:susanseidel@earthlink.net]
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2009 5:26 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark; Bogaard, Bill
Subject: Colorado street trees

Dear City Council and Mayor, I certainly hope the Council will rescind their decision to remove the large ficus trees on Colorado Blvd. The benefits of these trees far outway any problems they may cause. I have heard that other cities have regretted such a move. As beautiful as ginkos are in the fall, the leaf drop is such that I would imagine when wet the leaves would be a hazard to pedestrians. I was firmly against putting in magnolias instead of palms on Orange Grove as the beauty of them is lost after the harsh pruning they receive just prior to Rose Parade time. Besides the boulevard is known for its majestic and graceful palms soaring skyward. Please don't make another mistake. Susan Seidel resident 286 Wigmore Drive.

Jomsky, Mark

From: Jomsky, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2009 9:53 AM
To: Bogaard, Bill; 'Bogaard, Bill'; Gordo, Victor; Haderlein, Steve; 'Haderlein, Steve'; Holden, Chris; 'Holden, Chris'; Madison, Steve; 'Madison, Steve'; McAustin, Margaret; 'McAustin, Margaret'; 'Robinson, Jacque'; Robinson, Jacque; Tyler, Sid
Cc: Beck, Michael; Gutierrez, Julie; Mermell, Steve; Bruckner, Richard
Subject: FW: Trees on Colorado Blvd.

Email correspondence regarding the trees on Colorado Boulevard.

Mark Jomsky
City Clerk
(626) 744-4709

-----Original Message-----

From: Betsey Tyler [mailto:betsey75@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, January 19, 2009 3:42 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Trees on Colorado Blvd.

Please send this message to the Pasadena City Manager , the Mayor, And all City Council members.

My name is Betsey Tyler. I am a member of Pasadena Beautiful and The Pasadena Garden Club, as well as Descanso Gardens and The L.A.County Arboretum.

Pasadena has long been recognized for its magnificent tree canopy, which provides the city with shade, helps remove pollutants from the air, and enhances the beauty of our

streets. It does not seem environmentally responsible to remove large, healthy canopy trees , and replace them with slow growing trees that provide minimal shade.

The imminent removal of the ficus trees on Colorado Boulevard will add to the summer heat and pollution in our downtown for many years to come.

I hope you will reconsider your decision to cut down these trees, and change the tree plan for the remainder of Colorado Boulevard.

Respectfully,

Betsey Tyler