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NOVEMBER 4, 2018

Katherine Williams, Arborist Technician for the City of Glendale

Owner: Raymond Munro

For property located at:

910 Laird

Glendale, California 91206

**Re: Addendum to Tree Preservation Report dated October 26, 2017 for 910 Laird, Glendale.**

**Letter transmitted via e-mail to:** Raymond Munro at [vistaenterpriseinc@yahoo.com](mailto:vistaenterpriseinc@yahoo.com) and [Kwilliams@glendalecal.gov](mailto:Kwilliams@glendalecal.gov)

Dear Katherine,

This addendum is written to document the change in impacts to protected trees on the property at 910 Laird, Glendale. The Planning Commission requested changes in the last meeting that are incorporated into the new Architectural and Landscape plans.

I have reviewed the revised plans provided for the client, Raymond Munro, by Elizabeth Herron, Ecotecture, dated September 11, 2018 and landscape and irrigation plans dated October 8 and 29, 2018. The house location has moved upslope from the previous location. My original report is dated September 12, 2013, there were two subsequent addendums dated August 24, 2015 and June 27, 2015. On October 26, 2017, a new report with updated tree information and revised tree protection measures was created. This letter is an addendum to that report. Please refer to the October 26, 2017 report for required tree protection measures.

The house location has been moved so that no protected trees will require removal to construct the house. The house and garage were moved at the request of the last Planning Commission hearing. Impacts have been avoided for Sycamore 1a and Oak 1b. **No trees are proposed for removal to construct the project. Oaks 2-7 will have minor to moderate impacts from the proposed construction.**

Impact estimates are based on the amount of the root zone encroachment as a percentage of the total canopy. The description for each tree details the depth and extent of root impacts. Canopy estimates are based on our best prediction for how much foliage may need to be removed to accommodate the proposed structure. Trees are living organisms that grow over time. The trees may be larger when the project is constructed.

#### TREE IMPACTS

##### Oak #2

**2-3% root impacts**

This young tree may have some root damage from the retaining wall. The architect moved the structure back to minimize these impacts. If the slope needs to be graded back for the CMU wall, the grading should be just outside the edge of the protected zone. This should be verified in the field by the project arborist when the site is staked for construction.

##### Oak #3

**5% canopy, 15% roots**

This mature coast live oak will have encroachments from the proposed construction of the driveway and privacy fencing along the driveway. The area within the protected zone that will be impacted is 15%. Damage from the privacy fence can be mitigated by hand digging the holes for the footings and moving any that conflict with roots under observation by the project arborist.

The root zone will have impacts from the construction of the driveway, but the driveway has been moved away from the trunk to minimize impacts. Grading for the driveway may require adding some fill soil to make a gentle slope to the garage which should not exceed 3-6 inches in depth over small area of the root zone. There will need to be pruning for clearance of the garage structure and new house structure of approximately 5% of the live canopy.

##### Oak #4

**15% canopy, 20% roots**

This mature coast live oak will have root encroachments from the garage structure, driveway and privacy fence. The area within the protected zone that will be impacted is 20%. The garage footing is going to be on-grade or slightly below grade. Grade beam construction will be utilized to minimize required excavation. Pruning will be required for structural clearance over the garage.

##### Oak #5

**20% canopy, 25% roots**

This semi-mature coast live oak will have encroachments from the garage structure and privacy fence. The area within the protected zone impacted is approximately 25%, but the garage structure is mostly on-grade. Most of the impacts will be to the canopy which needs to be pruned back away from the structure. These encroachments should not be a significant long-term impact to the tree.

**Oak #6 and 7**

**10% canopy, 10% roots**

This semi-mature coast live oak will have encroachments from the garage structure and privacy fence. The area within the protected zone that will be impacted is 10%. A small amount of canopy will require removal to construct the garage.

In my opinion, the proposed impacts should not cause long-term damage to the protected tree resources on-site as long as the preservation measures in the October 26, 2017 tree report are followed. Oak trees are also proposed for planting in the driveway as required by the planning commission.

Our office has been retained to document compliance with the construction preservation measures and required mitigation and provide the documentation to the City of Glendale. Any change to our status will be documented with a letter to the City and the Client giving them 30 days to find a new arborist for the project.

Please contact me with any questions,

Sincerely,



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OCTOBER 20, 2019

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Dear Katherine,

This addendum is written to document the change in impacts to protected trees on the property at 910 Laird, Glendale. The Planning Commission denied the project in the last meeting and the client has appealed the project to the City Council.

I have reviewed the revised plans provided for the client, Raymond Munro, by Elizabeth Herron (Architectural) and Ecotecture (Landscape), dated October 18, 2019. The house location has moved downslope from the previous location. The client has changed plans many times at the request of the Planning Commission. I attended the Planning Commission hearings and documented them repeatedly asking for alternatives that caused more damage to protected tree resources. The downslope neighbor has asked for screening and the current landscape plans provide more than adequate screening for the new structure in my opinion.

The client has also planted the area of driveway not being used with oaks and native vegetation. This was a request of the neighbors.

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My original report is dated September 12, 2013, there were two subsequent addendums dated August 24, 2015 and June 27, 2016. On October 26, 2017, a new report with updated tree information and revised tree protection measures was created. Then, the client moved the house again and I provided an addendum dated November 4, 2019. This letter is an addendum to the October 26, 2017 report. Please refer to the October 26, 2017 report for required tree protection measures.

On March 1, 2019, tree #4 failed in a heavy rainstorm. An emergency tree removal permit was issued by your office on March 4, 2019 to allow for the removal of the tree off the neighbor's garage and 910 Laird property.

The house location is situated so that no protected trees will require removal to construct the house. The house and garage were moved again at the request of the last Planning Commission hearing. **No trees are proposed for removal to construct the project. Oaks 2,3, 5-8 will have minor to moderate impacts from the proposed construction.** Impact estimates are based on the amount of the root zone encroachment as a percentage of the total canopy. The description for each tree details the depth and extent of root impacts. Canopy estimates are based on our best prediction for how much foliage may need to be removed to accommodate the proposed structure. Trees are living organisms that grow over time.

#### TREE IMPACTS

##### Oak #2

5% root impacts

This young tree may have some root damage from the retaining wall. The architect moved the structure back to minimize these impacts. If the slope needs to be graded back for the CMU wall, the grading should be just outside the edge of the protected zone. This should be verified in the field by the project arborist when the site is staked for construction. The tree is young and healthy and should be able to tolerate some root pruning and canopy pruning to accomplish the desired construction.

##### Oak #3

10% canopy, 20 % roots

This mature coast live oak will have encroachments from the proposed construction of the driveway and planting and privacy fencing along the driveway. The area within the protected zone that will be impacted is 20%. Impacts to the roots should be limited because the grade is mostly staying the same. Damage from the privacy fence can be mitigated by hand digging the holes for the footings and moving any that conflict with roots under observation by the project arborist. Plants should be kept small (no larger than 5 gallon) to minimize root damage from excavation for planting holes. Irrigation should be kept above grade.

The root zone will have impacts from the construction of the driveway, but the driveway has been moved away from the trunk to minimize impacts. Grading for the driveway may require adding some fill soil to make a gentle slope to the garage which should not exceed 3-6 inches in depth over small

area of the root zone. There will need to be pruning for clearance of the garage structure and new house structure of approximately 10% of the live canopy.

**Oak #5**

20% canopy, 25% roots

This semi-mature coast live oak will have encroachments from the garage structure and privacy fence. The area within the protected zone impacted is approximately 25%, but the garage structure is mostly on-grade. Most of the impacts will be to the canopy which needs to be pruned back away from the structure. These encroachments should not be a significant long-term impact to the tree.

**Oak #6 and 7**

10% roots

This semi-mature coast live oak will have encroachments from grading and new planting in the old driveway area. In my opinion, the proposed impacts are minor and should not cause long-term damage to the protected tree resources on-site as long as the preservation measures in the October 26, 2017 tree report are followed. Oak trees are also proposed for planting in the driveway as required by the planning commission.

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