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December 17, 2019

Donald Noble, Foreperson
2019-2020 Orange County Grand Jury
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Subject: Findings and Actions from the 2019-2020 O.C. Grand Jury
Urban Forest Report

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Mr. Noble,

In response to finding F-10 of your letter dated November 25, 2019, I provide the following answers:

Recommendation R1:

The City of Westminster has a regular tree maintenance program where every tree, City-wide, is trimmed at least once every other year. The City's contractor, Great Scott, would do more than once a year on an as needed basis.

In addition to tree trimming, Great Scott performs tree inspections regularly, and as directed by staff, for those trees in problem areas.

City staff removes dead trees and replaces them with an approved species for the public right-of-way in coordination with the adjacent neighbors. The City of Westminster is committed to this and even more as needed to ensure healthy trees and zero liability claims.

Recommendation R-2:

City staff has initiated a program to coordinate with non-profit and volunteer organizations to improve residents' awareness of the City's Urban Forest benefits and promote active involvement with ongoing programs.

The organizations targeted are:

- Chamber of Commerce
- Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce
- Barber City Women's Club
- Soroptimists International of Westminster

- Westminster Historical Society
- Rose Center Foundation
- Family Resource Center
- Abrazar

City staff will update all such organizations from time to time to improve residents' awareness of the City's Urban Forest programs, and to encourage participation.

Recommendation R-3:

City staff continues to work on and improve the City's Urban Forest program. Staff recently has planted six trees at Goldenwest Park. Also, staff has been, and will continue to be, very aggressive in planting new trees. See attached sheets showing trees that have been planted from 2014 through 2018.


City crews also work very closely with residents to plant new trees. The City issues tree vouchers under our "Tree Voucher Program" that allows residents to go to a local nursery (Bolsa Nursery) to pick up a free tree, which the City pays for, and the resident would plant it him/herself. City crews could plant the tree for him/her for a service charge. See sample "Street Tree Planting Agreement" attached.

The City of Westminster takes the street tree planting program seriously within our funding limitations. The City tree policy has been posted on the City's website and Facebook to inform the public and encourage everyone to be involved in tree planting.

Two major street projects are coming up which include the planting of 700 trees along Garden Grove Boulevard from Bolsa Chica Road to Edwards Street, and 400 trees along Hoover Street from Garden Grove Boulevard to Bolsa Avenue, in addition to the 200 trees that were planted a few years ago along Hoover Boulevard.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (714) 548-3460 or myoussef@westminster-ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Public Works Director/City Engineer

Enclosures

cc:

Jake Ngo, Acting Public Works Manager
Todd Miller, Public Works Supervisor

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2018 Tree Planting

Date	Address	Species	Number of Trees	Planted By
3/13/2018	6131 Iroquois	Pink Trumpet Tree	1	Staff
3/13/2018	14202 Shirley	Peppermint Tree	2	Staff
4/1/2018	13612 Illinois	Autrailian Willow	1	Homeowner
4/1/2018	13601 Illinois	Autrailian Willow	2	Homeowner
4/2/2018	13592 Illinois	Autrailian Willow	2	Staff
4/10/2018	13622 Illinois	Autrailian Willow	2	Staff
5/19/2018	13581 Paysen	Autrailian Willow	1	Homeowner
5/23/2018	7812 Colgate	Autrailian Willow	1	Staff
5/23/2018	8792 Saphire	Crape myrtle	1	Staff
5/30/2018	Frank Fry Park	Crape myrtle	2	Staff
5/26/2018	8340 Wells	Brisbane Box	1	Homeowner
6/26/2018	13611 Illinois	Autrailian Willow	1	Staff
7/30/2018	5362 Harvard	Crape myrtle	2	Staff
8/2/2018	7271 Natal	Autrailian Willow	1	Staff
8/28/2018	13611 Illinois	Autrailian Willow	1	Staff
9/10/2018	13352 Jasperson	Queen Palm	1	Staff
9/13/2018	13302 Whitney Cir.	Autrailian Willow	1	Staff
9/1/2018	13742 Marquette	Autrailian Willow	1	Homeowner
9/28/2018	13052 Siskiyou	Autrailian Willow	1	Homeowner
9/28/2018	13042 Siskiyou	Autrailian Willow	1	Homeowner
11/30/2018	Goldenwest Park	Canary Island Pine	3	Staff
11/30/2018	Goldenwest Park	Sycamore	3	Staff
12/19/2018	13621 Chestnut	Autrailian Willow	1	Staff
12/19/2018	5232 Berkeley	Autrailian Willow	1	Staff
12/17/2018	8872 Elvira	Autrailian Willow	1	Homeowner

2017 Tree Planting

Date	Address	Species	Number of Trees	Planted By
1/31/2017	14621 Davis St.	King palm	2	Homeowner
2/28/2017	9180 Tropic	Peppermint Tree	1	Staff
2/28/2017	Westminster Village Park	Autrailian Willow	3	Staff
2/28/2017	5822 Jones	Pink Trumpet Tree	1	Staff
2/28/2017	9110 Larkspur	Palm Tree	1	Staff
2/28/2017	10110 Gretchen	Pink Trumpet Tree	1	Staff
4/24/2017	Frank Fry Park	Crape myrtle	3	Staff
5/2/2017	71-7701 Westminster Blv	London Plain	4	Staff
5/3/2017	5071 Cambridge	Autrailian Willow	1	Staff
5/3/2017	16371 Jody Cir.	Autrailian Willow	1	Staff
5/31/2017	6101 Apache	Autrailian Willow	1	Staff
6/28/2017	Frank Fry Park	Crape myrtle	1	Staff
7/8/2017	5692 Oak	Eastern Redbud	2	Homeowner
7/8/2017	5688 Oak	Eastern Redbud	1	Homeowner
7/25/2017	5672 Placer	Eastern Redbud	2	Homeowner
8/17/2017	City Hall	Autrailian Willow	1	Staff
8/24/2017	9200 Gleridge	Bradford Pear	1	Staff
8/30/2017	9182 Glenridge	Bradford Pear	1	Staff
9/26/2017	9180 Tropic	Peppermint Tree	1	Staff
10/7/2017	Oak	Eastern Redbud	2	Homeowner
10/7/2017	6381 Apache	Crape myrtle	1	Homeowner
10/7/2017	5051 Berkley	Peppermint Tree	1	Homeowner
10/8/2017	Civic Center	Western Redbud	1	Staff
10/18/2017	Park West Park	Peppermint Tree	1	Staff

2016 Tree Planting

Date	Address	Species	Number of Trees	Planted By
1/18/2016	Frank Fry Park	Crape myrtle	2	Staff
1/17/2016	Frank Fry Park	Crape myrtle	1	Staff
3/23/2016	6671 Sutton	Crape myrtle	1	Staff
3/4/2016	15822 Garnet	Crape myrtle	1	Homeowner
3/23/2016	10151 Premier	Tabebuia Impetiginosa	1	Homeowner
3/13/2016	Gilllespie park	Maple Tree	1	Staff
5/4/2016	Frank Fry Park	Crape myrtle	4	Staff
6/1/2016	16281 Teri	Brisbane Box	1	Homeowner
6/7/2016	Bolsa Chica Park	Peppermint Tree	1	Staff
7/20/2016	5112 Princeton	Autrailian Willow	3	Staff
8/2/2016	5701 Norma	Crape myrtle	2	Staff
8/9/2016	5112 Princeton	Autrailian Willow	1	Staff
8/9/2016	8531 Jennrich	Peppermint Tree	2	Staff
8/9/2016	6402 Navajo	Crape myrtle	1	Staff
8/17/2016	7292 Carlton	Peppermint Tree	1	Staff
8/19/2016	8581 Jennrich	Peppermint Tree	1	Staff
9/6/2016	Civic Center	Western Redbud	1	Staff
9/15/2016	15202 Lafayette	Crape myrtle	1	Staff
9/28/2016	15311 Queensborough	Autrailian Willow	1	Staff
9/30/2016	13401 Iowa St.	Crape myrtle	4	Homeowner
10/19/2016	5202 Cambridge	Crape myrtle	1	Staff
11/7/2016	8882 Elvira	Autrailian Willow	1	Staff
11/7/2016	7151 Sowell	Palm Tree	3	Homeowner
11/7/2016	15962 Garnet	Crape myrtle	2	Homeowner
11/7/2016	15962 Garnet	Pink Trumpet Tree	1	Homeowner
12/7/2016	13731 Iowa	Peppermint Tree	1	Homeowner

Aristocrat Pear

2015 Tree Planting

Date	Address	Species	Number of Trees	Planted By
1/16/2015	9320 Sinclair	Crape myrtle	1	Homeowner
2/21/2015	13522 Sioux	Eastern Redbud	1	Homeowner
3/30/2015	13342 Chestnut	Crape myrtle	1	Staff
3/30/2015	13562 Iowa	Crape myrtle	1	Staff
3/30/2015	Freedom Park	Geijera Parvifolia	15	Staff
4/16/2015	13561 Illinois	Crape myrtle	1	Homeowner
5/1/2015	13622 Sioux	Eastern Redbud	2	Homeowner
5/20/2015	5141 Loyola	Peppermint Tree	1	Staff
7/1/2015	5192 Berkley	Aristocrat Pear	1	Staff
7/1/2015	Freedom Park	Crape myrtle	1	Staff
7/1/2015	Freedom Park		2	Staff
8/3/2015	Hazard	Crape myrtle	2	Staff
8/3/2015	Lafayette	Australian Willow	1	Staff
8/5/2015	Hazard	Crape myrtle	1	Staff
8/5/2015	15021 Eden	Pink Trumpet	1	Staff
8/22/2015	5022 Loyola	Palm Tree	2	Homeowner
8/25/2015	9042 Carnation	Crape myrtle	1	Homeowner
8/29/2015	14402 Janice	Crape myrtle	1	Homeowner
8/30/2015	8671 Rathburn	Palm Tree	1	Homeowner
8/31/2015	10451 Schooner	Crape myrtle	1	Staff
9/3/2015	Frank Fry Park	Crape myrtle	1	Staff
9/17/2015	13312 Jasperson	Palm Tree	1	Homeowner
9/22/2015	10451 Schooner	Crape myrtle	1	Staff
9/22/2015	Frank Fry Park	Crape myrtle	1	Staff
10/14/2015	7302 Siena	Crape myrtle	1	Staff
11/12/2015	5072 Cambridge	Aristocrat Pear	1	Staff

2014 Tree Planting

Date	Address	Species	# of Trees	Planted By
1/28/2014	5022 Harvard	Brisbane Box	1	Staff
1/28/2014	7231 21st St.	Australian Willow	2	Staff
4/8/2014	8361 Carnegie	Crape myrtle	1	Staff
4/8/2014	14531 Wakefield	Australian Willow	1	Staff
4/17/2014	College Park	Orchid Tree	1	Staff
4/10/2014	9601 Westwood	Crape myrtle	1	Homeowner
4/14/2014	13541 Milan	Aristocrat Pear	1	Homeowner
5/12/2014	15381 Vermont	Australian Willow	1	Staff
5/27/2014	5021 Cambridge	Peppermint Tree	1	Staff
5/27/2014	5192 Berkley	Aristocrat Pear	1	Staff
7/3/2014	7322 Rockmont	Crape myrtle	1	Staff
7/3/2014	5232 Berkley	Crape myrtle	1	Staff
7/7/2014	5091 Berkley	Aristocrat Pear	1	Staff
7/17/2014	Frank Fry Park	Crape myrtle	1	Staff
7/22/2014	5121 Princeton	Crape myrtle	1	Staff
7/28/2014	5171 Loyola	Crape myrtle	1	Staff
7/28/2014	6271 Apache	Brisbane Box	1	Staff
8/6/2014	Freedom Park	Crape myrtle	1	Staff
8/20/2014	Pine Christmas Tree	Civic Center	1	Staff
9/3/2014	5272 Berkley	Crape myrtle	1	Staff
9/3/2014	5302 Berkley	Crape myrtle	2	Homeowner
9/10/2014	5282 Berkley	Crape myrtle	1	Staff
9/10/2014	13711 University	Palm Tree	2	Homeowner
9/10/2014	240 Hospital Cir.	Palm Tree	6	Property Owner
10/7/2014	6032 Apache	Brisbane Box	1	Staff
10/15/2014	6062 Apache	Australian Willow	1	Staff
11/18/2014	14151 Riverton Cir.	King Palm	2	Homeowner
11/18/2014	8312 Mc Fadden	Australian Willow	11	Property Owner
11/25/2014	5322 Berkley	Crape myrtle	2	Staff
11/25/2014	5312 Berkley	Crape myrtle	2	Staff
11/29/2014	Mc Fadden east of Goldenwest	Australian Willow	15	Great Scott

STREET TREE PLANTING AGREEMENT

We are happy you are interested in helping us reforest our parkways! We want to be sure our tree meets both your desires as a resident and our other taxpayers by selecting a tree that does not cause later damage to public infrastructure (sidewalks, curb and gutter, water mains, sewer lines) or create future trip and fall safety hazards from root upheavals. Therefore, the following citizen developed, Street Forestry Ordinance requirements must be followed:

BEFORE PLANTING TREE CALL DIG ALERT UNDERGROUND SERVICE ALERT AT 1-800-227-2600 AT LEAST 2 WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO EXCAVATING. This will help you avoid accidentally digging up a water, gas, sewer or electrical/cable line.

Street tree shall be planted between the front edge of sidewalk and back of curb, except where solid sidewalk exists or parkways are less than 3 feet in width. If planted in front yard, tree shall be planted at a minimum of 7 feet from back of sidewalk to avoid future root damage to sidewalk.

Tree shall be planted with the following offsets:

Twenty feet from another tree.	Ten feet from service walks or driveway.
Twenty feet from light standard or utility pole.	Ten feet from water meter or gas meter.
Twenty feet from beginning of the curb return.	Ten feet from fire hydrant

Tree shall be planted with support staking and root barrier – minimum 3 panels 18 inch deep by 24 inch long Deep Root panels, locked together to make a circle. Top of Root barrier shall be placed at depth just under turf level, approximately 1 inch from top surface.

Tree shall be planted at same level as was in nursery container.

Tree shall be planted with an earth basin minimum 2 feet in diameter. The basin shall be deep enough to hold approximately ten gallons of water (generally 6 inches deep). Immediately after planting, tree shall initially be watered thoroughly and basin filled.

I HEREBY AGREE TO PLANT THE TREE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STREET TREE POLICY PLANTING STANDARDS.

Vu Tran
Name

714-659-0919
Phone #

10081 Beverly
Address

[Signature] 11-15-19
Signature Date

Tree Selection: <u>Crape Myrtle</u>	<u>[Signature]</u> Authorized Signature
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Note: No permit need be obtained for this tree if the ordinance recommendations noted above are followed. A follow up assistance visit may be made. Call Todd Miller, Street Tree Supervisor, at (714) 895-2876 Ext. 6238 for questions or assistance.