

# Appendix F

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## Tree Letter

June 28, 2021



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RE: 6435 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles  
LNDG Job #200-781

Dear Mr. Zalben:

I inspected 3 street trees that stand in front of the building along 6435 Wilshire Boulevard. The 3 trees are all *Ficus microcarpa* (Indian laurel). They are in small planters, measuring 24" x 24", in the concrete sidewalk along the curb and gutter that are no longer adequate for these large trees. The tree trunk diameters are approaching the size of the planters and will eventually outgrow them. Indian laurel trees are notorious for their massive, invasive roots. The roots are abundant under the concrete sidewalk and road and their large buttress roots, which often rise above the surface, have begun to uplift the concrete. This root damage will continue to get worse as the roots increase in diameter and further lift the concrete.

Tree #1 has the largest trunk and is causing the most damage, lifting sections of concrete near the tree and causing cracks that extend into the sidewalk where people frequently walk. These trees are in front of the entrance and there is concern that the damage caused by the trees may lead to someone getting hurt. Tree #2 is currently causing less damage but is beginning to cause cracks in the sidewalk and outgrowing the planter. Tree #3 is smaller and was topped some years prior to my inspection causing damage to the crown resulting in poor structure form.

Tree #	Species Name	Common Name	Trunk	Spread	Height	Health	Form
1	<i>Ficus microcarpa</i>	Indian laurel	20"	35'	40'	C	C
2	<i>Ficus microcarpa</i>	Indian laurel	18"	30'	40'	C	C
3	<i>Ficus microcarpa</i>	Indian laurel	13"	12'	20'	C-	D

The trees are healthy and are able to withstand poor conditions but they are not suitable for this location. They are medium in size compared with their ultimate full size. The invasive roots will continue to damage the surrounding hardscape and are likely causing damage to underground utilities. I recommend that the trees be removed and replaced with suitable street trees with less invasive roots, a smaller, less dense crown and that can tolerate an urban setting.

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There are no native, protected trees as defined under Article 6, Sec. 46.01 of the City of Los Angeles municipal code on this site or adjacent to it.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if we can be of further help.

Sincerely,

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