# COURTLAND STUDIO, LLC LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

# 13351-D RIVERSIDE DRIVE #445 SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91423

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LICENSED LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT #3620 EXP 2/28/2021

May 19, 2020

Ketter Design Attn: Mr. John Friedman 14541 Delano Street Van Nuys, CA 91411

RE: Trees at 2111-2139 S Pacific Avenue, San Pedro, CA 90731

Dear John:

This letter is regarding the property at 2111-2139 S Pacific Avenue, San Pedro, CA 90731 (Lots 10,11, 12, 13, 14,15).

### **EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS**

On the site, there are several vacant lots, one building and a parking lot.

There are no native trees that are protected by the LAMC Protected Tree Ordinance on the property and there are no trees with a diameter greater than 8" on the property.

There are 12 palms on the property, however palms are not trees. Palms are botanically more similar to grasses, bamboo, sedges, orchids and onions. Palms are more similar to turf grass than to oaks. Palms are monocots and not dicots like trees. Palms have a fiber trunk and not a wood trunk.

### **PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY**

There are nine live palms along Pacific immediately behind the sidewalk that are in the public right of way. As these are in the public right of way, even though they were planted by a previous property owner, the City will most likely require some replacement for these palms. Per the Planning Department's recommendation for street trees, the current plans for this project show 18 street trees adjacent to this project which should accommodate any necessary replacement for these nine palms. There is a tenth palm that is dead which will not require replacement.

## ADJACENT PROPERTIES

There are no protected trees on adjacent properties that will be impacted by construction on this site.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 818-788-9382.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Lewis