



January 14, 2019

Aaron Vitale
Vital Properties, Inc.
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Subject: **Tree assessment**
10290 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito CA

Dear Mr. Vitale:

Vital Properties, Inc. recently purchased the subject project from Branagh Development. HortScience, Inc. prepared an **Arborist Report** for the 10290 San Pablo Ave. site in January of 2017. The City of El Cerrito is requesting a letter from the arborist describing any changes in tree condition since our last site visit. HortScience | Bartlett Consulting (Divisions of the F. A. Bartlett Tree Expert Co.) was asked to visit the site, inspect the trees and prepare a brief letter describing any changes, as required by the City of El Cerrito. This letter responds to that request.

I visited the site on January 4, 2019 to review the health and structure of three (3) street trees located on San Pablo Ave., near the corner of Eureka Avenue. The trees were not tagged but I assigned them numbers 174-176 (south to north). Descriptions of each tree are found in the **Tree Assessment Form** and locations are plotted on the **Tree Assessment Map** (see Exhibits).

The trees were all young red maples (*Acer rubrum*). I measured their trunk diameters measuring between 4" and 6". All of the trees were in excellent condition (rated a 5 on a scale of 0 to 5), with good forms and structures. Tree condition had not changed since the time of my January 2017 inspection. The only change was that tree #174 had grown from 5" to 6" in trunk diameter.

Photo documentation of the tree is available upon request. Please contact me if you have any questions about my observations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Leffingwell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

John Leffingwell
Board Certified Master Arborist #WE 3966B
Registered Consulting Arborist #442

Exhibits **Tree Assessment Form**

 Tree Assessment Map

Tree Assessment

10290 San Pablo Ave.
El Cerrito, California
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| TREE No. | SPECIES | SIZE DIAMETER (in inches) | CONDITION 1=POOR 5=EXCELLENT | SUITABILITY FOR PRESERVATION | COMMENTS |
|----------|-----------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 174 | Red maple | 5 | 5 | High | Street tree, no tag; good young tree; planted in infiltration basin. |
| 175 | Red maple | 5 | 5 | High | Street tree, no tag; good young tree; planted in infiltration basin. |
| 176 | Red maple | 4 | 5 | High | Street tree, no tag; good young tree. |

Tree Assessment Plan

**10290 San Pablo Avenue
El Cerrito, CA**

Prepared for:
Vital Properties, Inc.
El Cerrito, CA

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No Scale

Notes:

Base map provided by:
ESRI

Numbered tree locations are approximate



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