

**HPC RESOLUTION NO. ##-###**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMONA DENYING A MAJOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS (MAJCOA 7505-2017) TO ALLOW THE REMOVAL OF THREE WASHINGTONIA ROBUSTA TREES LOCATED IN THE REAR YARD OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 246 GARFIELD AVENUE WITHIN THE LINCOLN PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT.**

**THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMONA DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**WHEREAS**, the subject trees are located within the Lincoln Park Historic District, which was designated as a historic district by the Pomona City Council on August 2 1999;

**WHEREAS**, the applicant, Vichuda Fuentes, has submitted a Major Certificate of Appropriateness (MAJCOA 7505-2017) to allow the removal of three Washingtonia robusta trees located in the rear yard of the property located at 246 Garfield Avenue;

**WHEREAS**, the subject Washingtonia robusta trees have trunks greater than 10-inches in diameter at breast height and, therefore, meets the definition of *character-defining landscaping*, pursuant to City Council Resolution No. 2000-72—Pomona Historic Sites Tree Protection and Preservation Program;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council adopted the Historic Sites Tree Protection and Preservation Program on May 1, 2000;

**WHEREAS**, the removal of character-defining landscaping requires the approval of a Major Certificate of Appropriateness by the Historic Preservation Commission;

**WHEREAS**, the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Pomona, after giving notice thereof as required by law, held a public hearing on September 6, 2017, concerning the requested Major Certificate of Appropriateness (MAJCOA 7505-2017); and

**WHEREAS**, the Historic Preservation Commission has carefully considered all pertinent testimony and the staff report offered in the case presented at the public hearing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:**

**SECTION 1.** The Historic Preservation Commission exercising independent judgment has determined, pursuant to the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), that the proposed tree removals are Categorically Exempt per Section 15304 – Minor Alterations to Land.

**SECTION 2.** Section .5809-13.F.6 of the Zoning Ordinance requires the Historic Preservation Commission to make findings for approval of a Major Certificate of Appropriateness. The Historic Preservation Commission hereby makes the following findings:

- 1. The proposed change will not adversely affect any significant historical, cultural, architectural, or aesthetic features of the concerned property or the historic district in which it is located.*

The removal of three (3) Washingtonia robusta trees from the rear yard of the property will not adversely affect the historical, cultural, architectural, or aesthetic features of the Lincoln Park Historic District. The trees are not considered a heritage or specimen tree, as defined in City Council Resolution No. 2000-72.

- 2. The proposed change is compatible in architectural style with existing adjacent contributing structures in an historic district.*

The proposal involves the removal of three (3) Washingtonia robusta trees and does not adversely change the architectural style of existing contributing structures within the Lincoln Park Historic District. It should be noted that the Washingtonia robusta is not a pervasive species within the Lincoln Park Historic District.

- 3. The proposed change is consistent with the architectural style of the building as specified in the Design Review Subsection 5 of the Ordinance.*

The removal of three (3) Washingtonia robusta trees located in the rear yard of the subject single family residential property will not alter or detract from the existing buildings on the site or the surrounding neighborhood. The remaining landscaping on the property will not be degraded by the loss of the tree.

- 4. The scale, massing, proportions, materials, textures, fenestration, decorative features, and details proposed are consistent with the period and/or compatible with adjacent structures.*

Removal of the three (3) Washingtonia robusta trees will not impact the architectural features of historical structures on the subject property or within the surrounding neighborhood.

**SECTION 3.** The Historic Preservation Commission hereby approves Major Certificate of Appropriateness (MAJCOA 7505-2017) to permit the removal of three trees at a residential property located at 246 Garfield Avenue, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The Washingtonia robusta trees shall be removed, including stump grinding to industry standards, within sixty (60) days from date of approval (November 5, 2017).*

2. All surface roots of the Washingtonia robusta trees shall be properly removed without adversely impacting the existing structures or property.

**SECTION 4.** The Secretary shall certify to the approval of this Resolution and forward the original to the City Clerk.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.

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JIM GALLIVAN  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

**ATTEST:**

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MARK LAZZARETTO  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
SECRETARY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)  
CITY OF POMONA)

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

Pursuant to Resolution No. 76-258 of the City of Pomona the time in which judicial review of this action must be sought is governed by Sec. 1094.6 C.C.P.