

April 15, 2010

Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning
Attn: Donald Kress
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

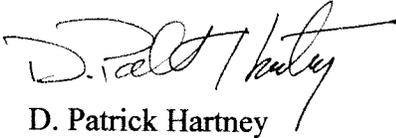
Re: Oak Tree Permit Case No. 2009-00003
2748 Frances Ave, La Crescenta

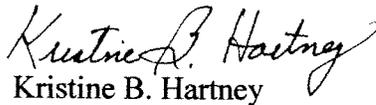
Dear Mr. Kress:

We are writing again in reference to the above Oak Tree Permit for 2748 Frances Ave. in La Crescenta. We understand that the developer's current plan is to build one home on one of his recently subdivided lots. In reviewing the developer's Arborist's Report and the County's Forester's Report for this project, we note that the County is requiring the planting of four mitigation oak trees to replace the two oak trees previously removed on the property. However, the County's Forester's report states that these mitigation trees can be planted either on-site or at an off-site location approved by the County Forester. Alternatively, the developer can contribute an appropriate amount to the County's Oak Forest Special Fund. As home owners directly across the street from this project, we strongly recommend that the County **require the developer to plant all four mitigation oak trees on site and not be allowed to plant them either off-site or to pay special fees.** As we have stated previously, oak trees are a defining character of the La Crescenta area and consequently should be protected, maintained, replaced, and/or augmented within this area and not some other.

Also, we wish to remind you that this developer knowingly tried to mislead the County and local home owners with his previous application regarding this property. Given these past acts, we strongly urge the County to more closely monitor any stipulated or approved actions pursuant to this property.

Sincerely,


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