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Location: Valley View  
2219 NE 339<sup>th</sup> St.  
La Center WA

Supplemental Arborist Report Addressing Comments in the 30-Day Comment Letter

La Center planning staff have identified 3 existing trees on this site for potential preservation: T 43 (40" DBH Sequoia) , T 58 (8" DBH Smoke Tree), T 61 (16" DBH Doug Fir)

**40" Sequoia** - This tree cannot be preserved. The proximity to creating the roadway and other construction activities on this property, which includes grade changes, trenching for the foundation and curbs, and equipment use causing soil compaction will damage the critical root zone of this tree. Also stand-alone large trees are susceptible to wind damage in strong wind storms with targets for damage including the people and property very close to this tree.

**8" Smoke Tree** –This tree cannot be preserved. This tree will be sandwiched between lots 5 and 6. The current layout will have a grade change of 5' that will impact the critical root zone of this tree. The proximity to the construction activity on these properties, which includes grade changes, trenching for the foundations, and equipment use causing soil compaction will damage the critical root zone of this tree.

**16" Doug Fir** – This tree cannot be preserved. It is located in the future driveway/parking pad/turnaround for the future home that will be located on this proposed lot 21. Additionally, the proximity to the construction activity on this property, which includes grade changes, trenching for the foundation, and equipment use causing soil compaction will damage the critical root zone of this tree. Also stand-alone Douglas Fir trees are susceptible to wind damage and uprooting in strong wind storms. It is also very hard to remove a large tree in the backyard of a subdivision once the homes are built. Targets for damage would be lots 20, 25 and 26.

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