



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

January 22, 2026

Hon. Traci Park, Councilwoman, CD 11

Via email

Re: Proposed Caruso Streetscape Improvements in the Palisades Commercial Village

Dear Councilwoman Park:

We have learned that the Caruso company generously proposes to beautify the Pacific Palisades Commercial Village by undertaking streetscape improvements along the public right of way on Sunset Blvd. between Swarthmore Ave. and Monument St./La Cruz Dr., to harmonize both sides of the street with the streetscape that fronts the Caruso Palisades Village. These thoughtful improvements will include installation of beautiful new streetlights and sidewalks, and replacement and addition of graceful new trees (more trees than currently exist). The new trees will enhance public safety, as they will have far less invasive roots than the current trees (which have large roots that can grow to break up concrete sidewalks and create a hazard for pedestrians).

PPCC supports this proposal, which will not only beautify our Village and further our community's recovery from the catastrophe, but is consistent with the Caruso commitment to fund "off-site harmonizing streetscape improvements," on which commitment PPCC originally relied in supporting the Palisades Village project (see PPCC letter of March 14, 2016: <https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/PPCCVillageLetterFINAL.pdf>).

We respectfully request that you also support the current proposed improvements and, as our Councilwoman, encourage relevant City agencies, including the Board of Public Works, to approve the Caruso streetscape improvement project.

This letter has been approved by the PPCC Executive Committee, which includes Chris Spitz (PPCC President in 2016 when the original Caruso commitment was made and the Board voted to support approval of the Palisades Village project) and John Padden (President of Palisades PRIDE, a respected PPCC organizational member which works to beautify our public spaces and coordinates with Caruso on the installation of the special donor sidewalk bricks along Sunset Blvd; PRIDE also fully supports the proposed new streetscape improvements).

Thank you as always for your ongoing strong support of Pacific Palisades.

Warm regards,

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President, Pacific Palisades Community Council

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