



June 11, 2020

Mike Serra, III
Sand Creek Metro District
100 St. Paul Street, Suite 300
Denver, CO 80206

RE: Gateway Park TIC 2—Tree Mitigation

Dear Mr. Serra,

I, Christopher M. Hice, hereby certify that I have reviewed the existing trees for Gateway Park TIC 2 at the southwest corner of Salida Street, and North Telluride Street. Tree mitigation data is based upon; site surveys prepared by Aztec Consultants, Inc. dated April 13, 2020; and field observations performed on June 3, 2020. Tree observation Data that was gathered, includes, species, Diameter at Breast Height (DBH), and tree condition rating (per the guide for plant appraisal, 9th edition).

Based on my observations, 67 trees were observed:

- 57 *Populus deltoides* (Plains Cottonwood)
- 10 *Salix amygdaloides* (Peachleaf Willow)

It is my understanding that all trees will be removed based on the proposed improvements to the site and that mitigation may be required by the City. A couple things to note regarding mitigation:

1. Per City of Aurora Landscape Ordinance, Sec. 146-1436. Prohibited Plant Species, Cottonwood, or all *Populus* sp. are prohibited plant species.
2. Per City of Aurora Tree Preservation Policy, Section V. B. Interruption and Maintenance of Drainageways, subsection 2. "The Policy shall not preclude standard maintenance of drainageways necessary to ensure the free flow of storm water."
 - All but one tree on site (a Cottonwood) interferes with the flow of storm water to different levels of severity.

Please review and contact me if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ch Hice".

Christopher M. Hice, PLA, ISA-Certified Arborist (F-5363A)