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May 27, 1994

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Raymond L. Tretheway III

Dear Marguerite,

In view of the immediacy and seriousness of the Dutch elm disease threat to Sacramento, it is with a heavy heart that the Sacramento Tree Foundation must suspend further activity in negotiating an Agreement for Services with the Save The Elms Project (STEP).

While both the Tree Foundation and STEP agree that the health of the elms is critical to our community, we have been unable to translate the strengths that each organization brings to the elm tree project to a compatible set of responsibilities. From our prior meetings, it has been our understanding that STEP has the charge of leading advocacy and fund development for the project, and that the Tree Foundation would be responsible for program management and implementation. At this point, negotiations are stymied over several issues, not the least of which is to whom the program manager would report. Since we cannot agree upon the fundamental roles of each partner as defined in our original proposal and subsequent meetings, we are unable to proceed further in negotiation of the details of the Agreement for Services between STEP and the Sacramento Tree Foundation.

We would like to continue to work with STEP on solutions to the Dutch elm disease threat. Unfortunately, your group's current lack of organization and inability to come to consensus within itself prevents us from continuing with the development of this program in partnership with STEP.

Marguerite, you have done an excellent job in bringing this problem to the community's attention. Please review this situation with your Board and respond to us as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Ray Tretheway  
Executive Director

cc: Charlie Sumner, John Nicolaus and Josh Reyneveld, STF Board of Directors  
Mayor Joe Serna and City Councilmember Heather Fargo, City of Sacramento  
Doug Fraleigh and Marty Hughes, County of Sacramento Public Works  
Rich Sequest, Sacramento Municipal Utility District

**Ideas and Questions of Council**

6.B.1. Councilwoman Fargo requested a resolution be prepared for next week's Council meeting to rescind Resolution 94-324 to save the windows at the Fabian Building. (D-1)

**COUNCIL ACTION:**

**REFERRED TO CITY  
MANAGER**

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6.B.2 Mayor Serna stated that any future requests for public funds be reviewed through the proper process. (D-All)

**COUNCIL ACTION:**

**FILED**

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