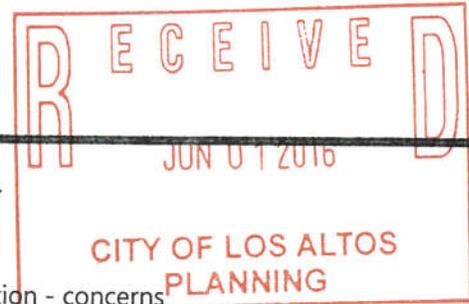


**Sean Gallegos**



**From:** Anne Marie Callan <acallan1@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 01, 2016 11:18 AM  
**To:** Sean Gallegos  
**Subject:** 906 Leonello Avenue New Home Construction - concerns  
**Attachments:** Pittosporum undulatum.jpg; Tristanopsis laurina.JPG; Laurus nobilis 'Saratoga' 1 (std).jpg; Podocarpus\_gracilior\_tree-001.jpg

Hi Sean,

My name is Anne Marie Starr and my husband Pat and I and our two young girls live at 1159 Lincoln Drive. We received your notice about the subject construction project and my husband came in and talked to you about the project yesterday. We will be able to see this house from our backyard and they will be able to look into our backyard from their second story.

We would like to request that some minor modifications be made to the landscape plan so that evergreen trees are planted in the northwest corner of the site to screen our views of the new house and to provide more privacy. On the plans, it appears that there is more emphasis on providing screening at the front of the site instead of the back of the site.

We have had a landscape architect review the plans and he has provided the following suggestions in his email below. I would appreciate it if you would consider working some of his suggestions into the final, approved plan. He would also be happy to talk to the homeowners or their landscape architect directly to work out a good solution.

Thank you for your time,

Anne Marie and Pat Starr  
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On Wednesday, June 1, 2016 6:53 AM, Michael Callan <[mike@michaelcallan.com](mailto:mike@michaelcallan.com)> wrote:

Anne,

I would request to have them adjust the planter box area to allow planting of a few evergreen trees in the north-west corner.

It still seems like they would still have sun for the relocated boxes if they move the boxes to the planting area which is not really defined where an existing maderia shrub is called out to be removed. The planting plan seems pretty detailed in the frontyard but looks like it was deliberately shown more schematically for the backyard. I would have them clarify the plantings along their back property lines. Her plant list calls out for screening trees for the lot which are all deciduous which will not provide year round evergreen privacy screening. I also thought the container sizes of 15 gallon specified are quite small for screen trees. I always use 24" box minimum especially when working on two story house new construction. Even at 24" box container size the trees will only be about 10'-12' tall approx in height when planted but should get to 15'-18' tall at maturity. I would have their landscape architect look into the following suggestions for evergreen privacy trees in 24" box size which will not overwhelm either their property or your yard:

Podocarpus gracilior Std  
Tristania laurina 'Elegant'  
Pittoporum undulatum Std  
Laurus Nobilis 'Saratoga' Std

FYI- 'Std' refers to the form of the tree which means standard tree form instead of shrub/multi trunk form.

See attached pics.

I would be happy to have dialogue with their landscape architect if needed or feel free to forward this email to their landscape architect.

Thanks & Good Luck!

Mike

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