



November 17, 2011

Trump National Golf Club
LOS ANGELES

Mr. Greg Pfost
Deputy Community Development Director
30940 Hawthorne Blvd.
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Dear Mr. Pfost:

Please accept this packet as VH Property Corporation's application for a revision to its development agreement for the purpose of planting shrubs at the back (west side) of the portion of its property currently used as a driving range. (See figure A.) Past applications by VH Property Corporation for this purpose were denied by the City Council on various grounds, including most recently because the then-proposed plants were not part of VH Property Corporation's approved plant pallet. By this current application, VH Property Corporation has endeavored to submit an application that addresses past concerns expressed by the Council, while still meeting its goals. Specifically, VH Property Corporation is requesting the installation of plant material that is on its approved plant pallet –*Metrosideros excels* (commonly referred to as the New Zealand Christmas Tree) –and has selected a limited area of planting so as to avoid view impairments.

The selection of the New Zealand Christmas Tree is consistent with the conditions of Trump National Golf Course's development project because it a species on the plant pallet and is drought tolerant. VH Property Corporation's Agronomist is highly knowledgeable about this species and based on his expertise can attest to the fact that the planting of the New Zealand Christmas Tree will not require any changes to the current irrigation system or irrigation schedule. In fact, the planting of the New Zealand Christmas Tree may result in a lesser amount of water usage in the area where the trees will be planted due to the shade that the trees will provide.

We also believe that the location and proposed height of the shrubs applied for in this application do not affect or impair the views of adjacent properties or the public right-of-way and the plant species selected will not cause repeated view obstructions. VH Property Corporation has removed an entire row of proposed hedges from its previous application, so as to alleviate Council's concern that such hedges would impair the view of an adjacent property owner.

This application is important to VH Property Corporation in that the proposed shrubs will result in significant benefits, including but not limited to:

- Line of sight enhancement for golfers: With the shrubs as a backdrop to the driving range golfers' line of sight will be significantly improved;
- Enhanced privacy for: golfers using the practice tees at the back of the range; pedestrians traversing the public trail; and those residing behind the driving range; and

- Beautification of the property.

If you have any questions or need any additional information to deem the application complete, please contact me immediately at (310) 303-3256.

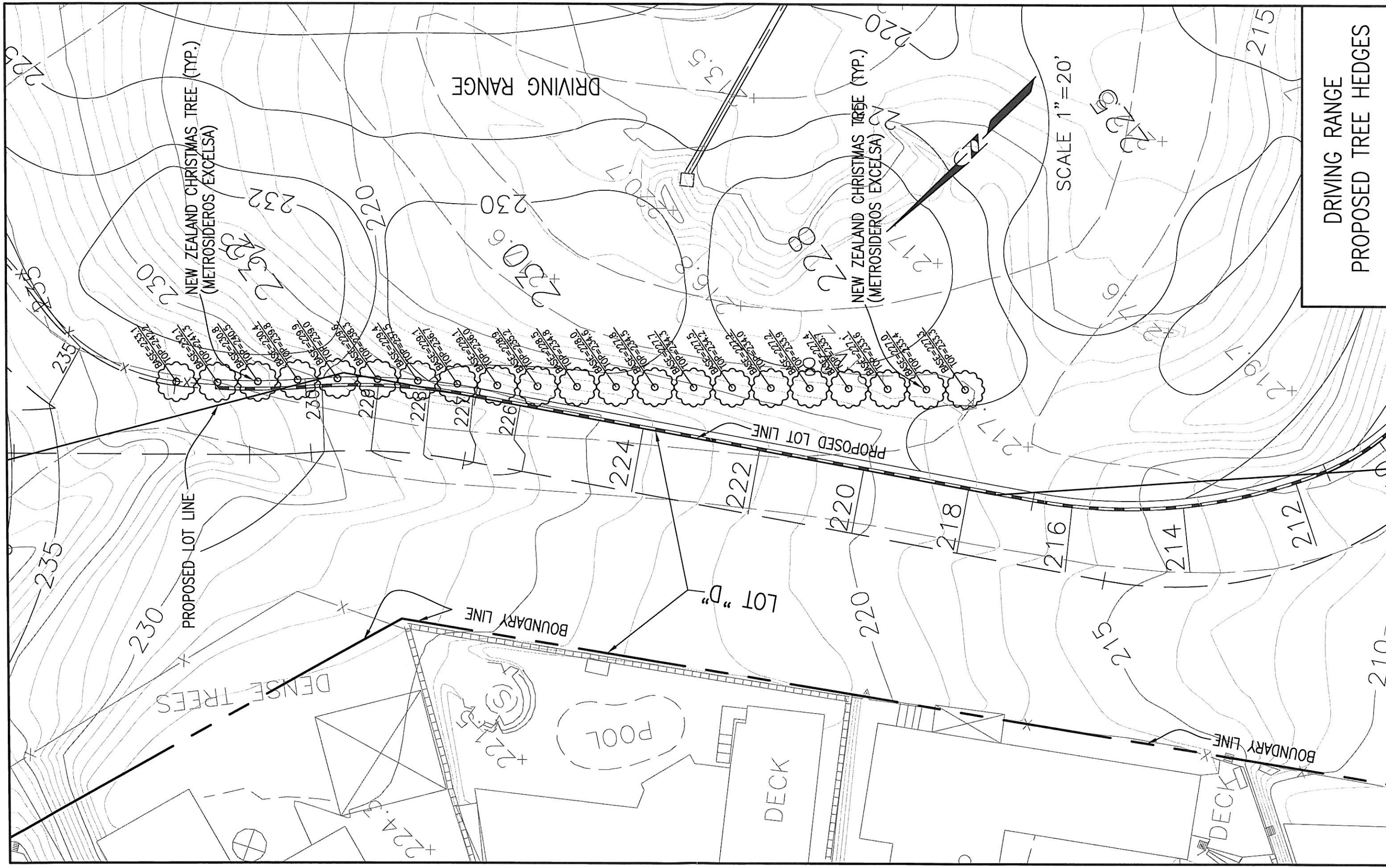
Sincerely,



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General Manager, Trump National Golf Club Los Angeles

Enclosures



DRIVING RANGE
PROPOSED TREE HEDGES