

INITIAL STUDY

APPENDIX B: TREE REPORT

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April 17, 2023

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Re: 5601 Santa Monica Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90038

Dear Tracy,

This letter is regarding the property at 5601 Santa Monica Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90038.
On April 17, 2023, we visited the site to evaluate the trees on the property.

EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

On the property, there is currently an abandoned commercial building and adjoining parking lot.

There are no significant trees inside of the property. There are 15 street trees, plus two sucker growth trees at the site of previous street trees.

Trees #5 and #14 are the result of sucker growth and while they have a trunk diameter over 1" they are not in the form of a street tree as one is low branching and the other is multi-branched. Furthermore, as they are sucker growth from the previous street trees, there is also a chance that should they grow larger, they could fail and cause injury. Both should not be considered street trees but were included for documentation because of the size of the trunks.

There are no native trees that are protected by the LAMC Protected Tree Ordinance No. 177404 (There are no California native oaks, Western sycamore/ *Platanus racemosa*, California black walnut/ *Juglans californica*, or California bay/ *Umbellularia californica*) on the property or on adjacent properties. There are no *Sambucus Mexicana* / Mexican elderberry or *Heteromeles arbutifolia* / Toyon on this site per LAMC Ordinance 186,873.

ADJACENT PROPERTIES

No trees on adjacent properties will be impacted by construction on this site.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 818-788-9382.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Lewis', with a stylized, cursive script.

Paul Lewis

Tree Report [TR] for 5601 Santa Monica Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90038

1-“Tree Expert” as per Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 17.02

Tree Expert – A person with at least four years of experience in the business of transplanting, moving, caring for and maintaining trees and who is (a) a certified arborist with the International Society of Arboriculture and who holds a valid California license as an agricultural pest control advisor or **(b) a landscape architect** or (c) a registered consulting arborist with the American Society of Consulting Arborists. **(Amended by Ord. No. 177,404, Eff. 4/23/06.)**

Paul A. Lewis, Landscape Architect, #3620 exp. 2/28/25

2-By whom the TR is prepared: Paul Lewis

3-For whom the TR is prepared: DLA Piper LLP.

4-TR location address with short geographic description:

The property is in a primarily commercial area on Santa Monica Boulevard between Wilton Place and St. Andrews Place. The site is a relatively flat parking lot with an abandoned building at the southeast corner.

5- Date TR is prepared: April 17, 2023

6- Date of TR field inspection: April 17, 2023.

7- TR purpose: To review tree inventory on this property to clear condition on permit application for a new development.

11 – Field observations: There are 15 street trees surrounding the property. The landscape plan identifies street trees that were previously removed and are not currently present so they are not reflected in this report.

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There are no protected trees/shrubs on site. There are no trees with a trunk greater than 8” diameter on the site.

12 – Findings: All 15 street trees will be removed for proposed driveways and street improvements. This requires 30 replacement street trees to be planted based on 2:1 replacement. The project landscape architect has proposed 42 new street trees for the 15 street trees to be removed.

5601 Santa Monica Blvd. Tree Inventory

1 (Street Tree)– Lagerstroemia indica



2 (Street Tree)– Lagerstroemia indica



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3 (Street Tree)– Lagerstroemia indica



4 (Street Tree)– Lagerstroemia indica



5 (Street Tree)– Lagerstroemia indica



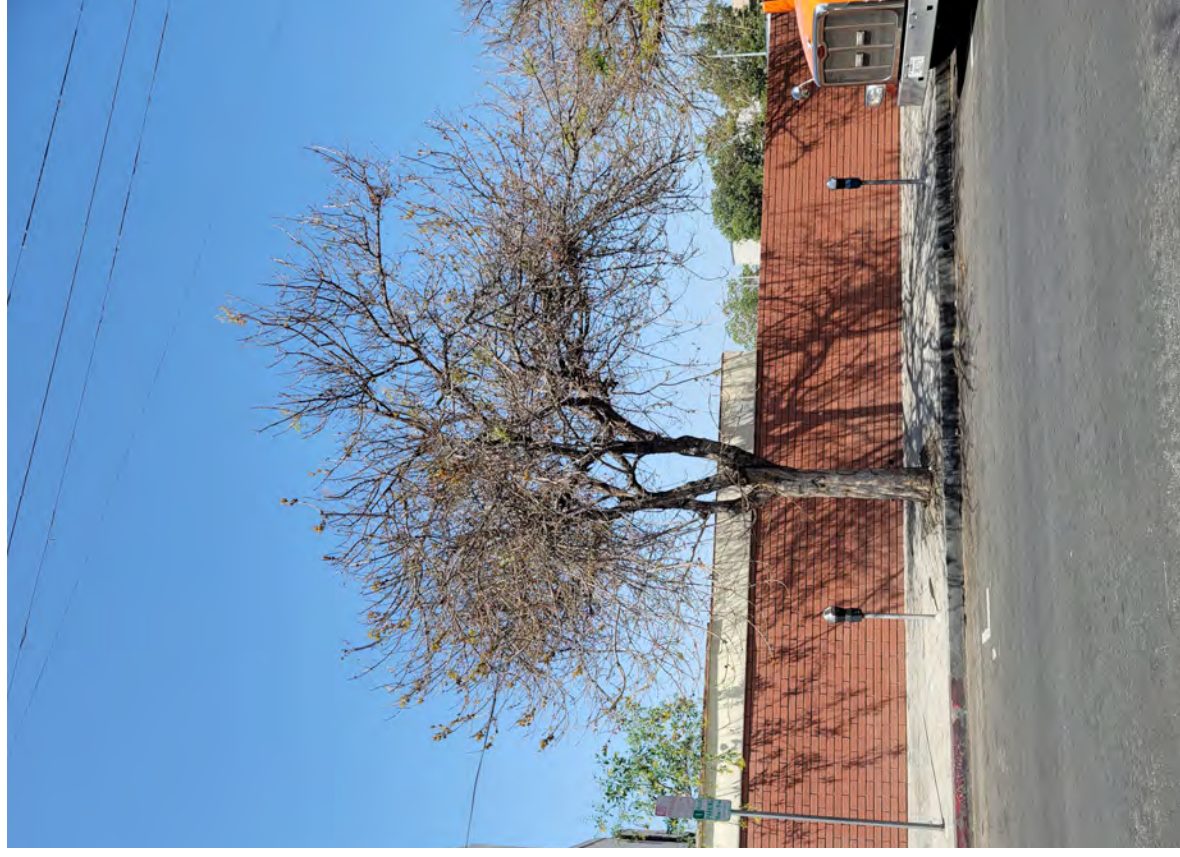
6 (Street Tree)– Lagerstroemia indica



7 (Street Tree)– *Lagerstroemia indica*



8 (Street Tree)– *Pistacia chinensis*

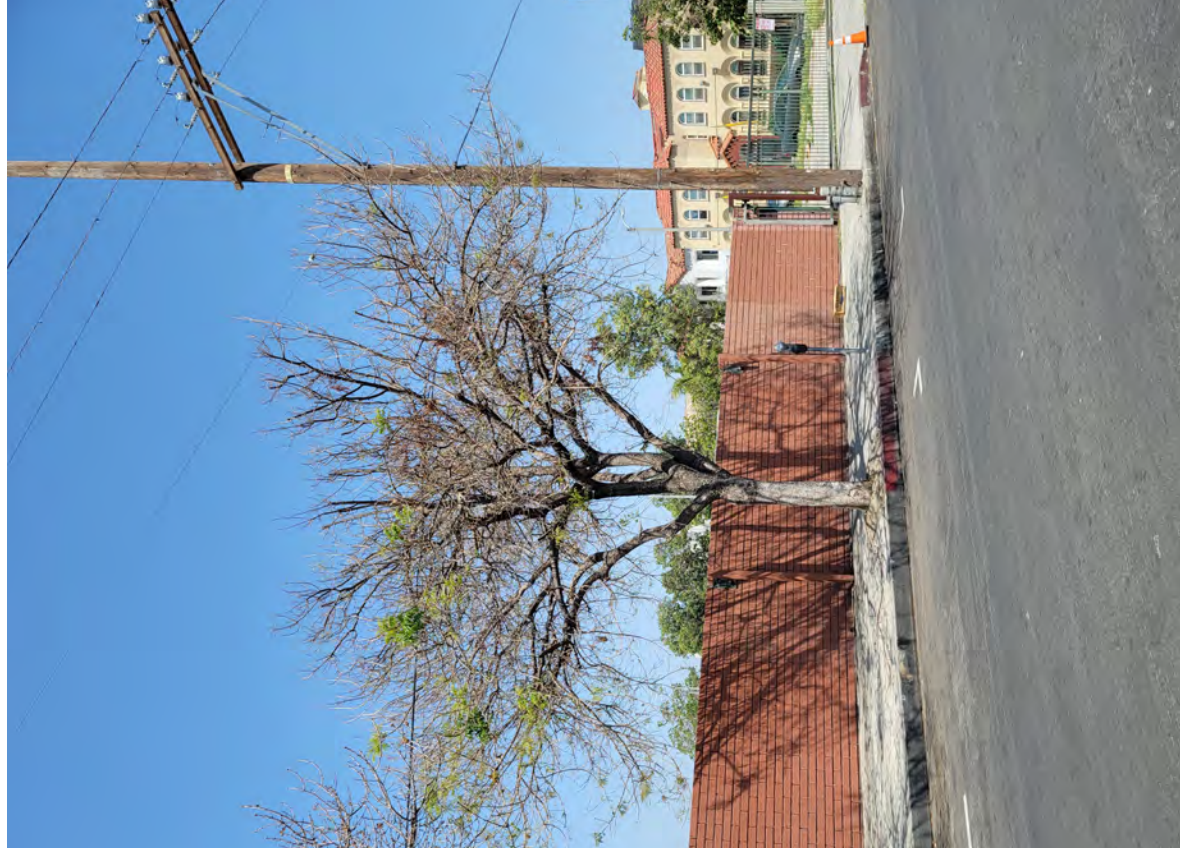


5601 Santa Monica Blvd. Tree Inventory

9 (Street Tree) – *Pistacia chinensis*



10 (Street Tree)— *Pistacia chinensis*



11 (Street Tree)— *Tristania conferta*



12 (Street Tree)— *Tristania conferta*



13 (Street Tree)— *Tristania conferta*



14 (Street Tree)— *Tristania conferta*



15 (Street Tree)— *Tristania conferta*



16 (Street Tree)— *Ulmus parvifolia*





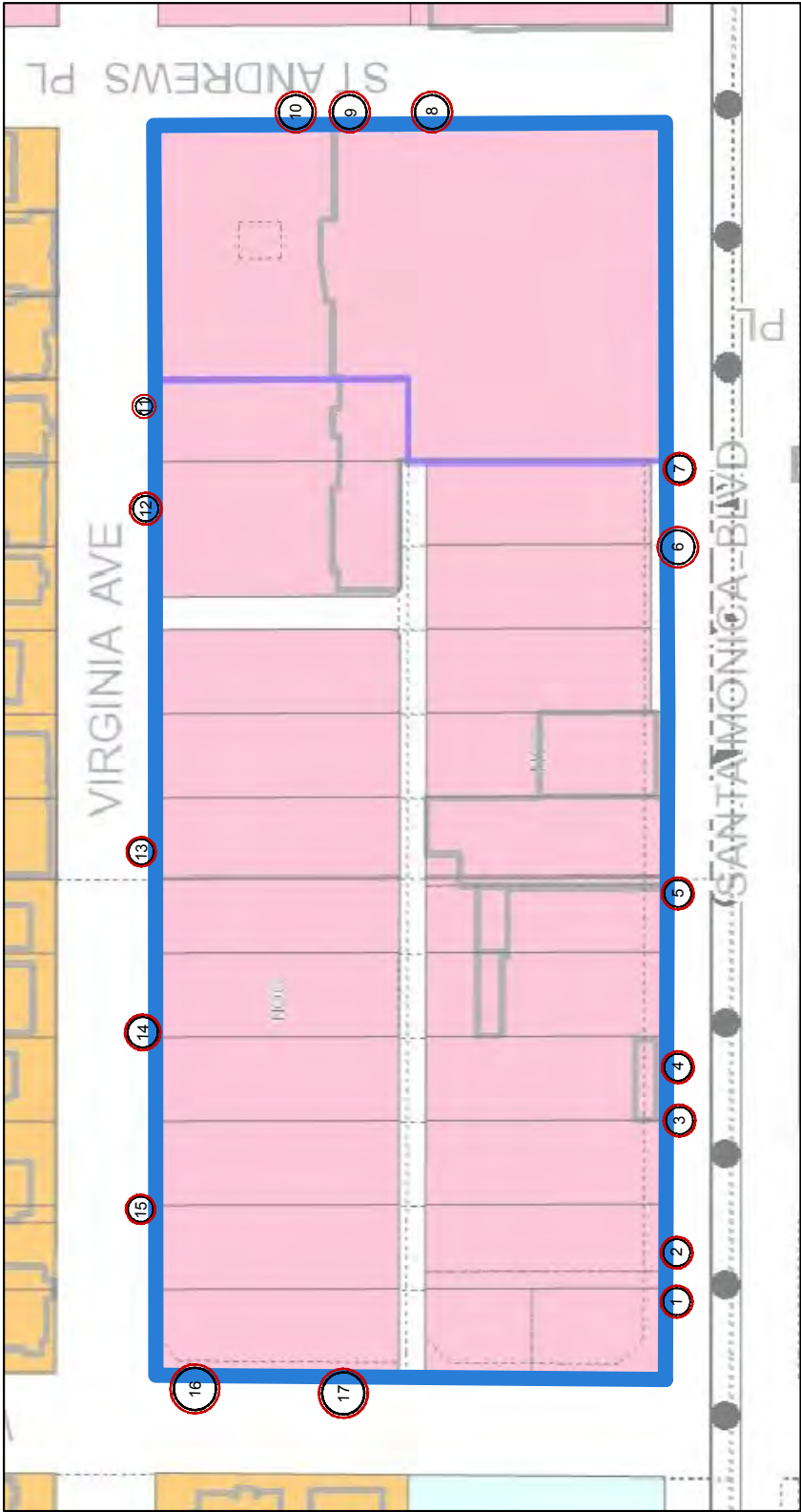
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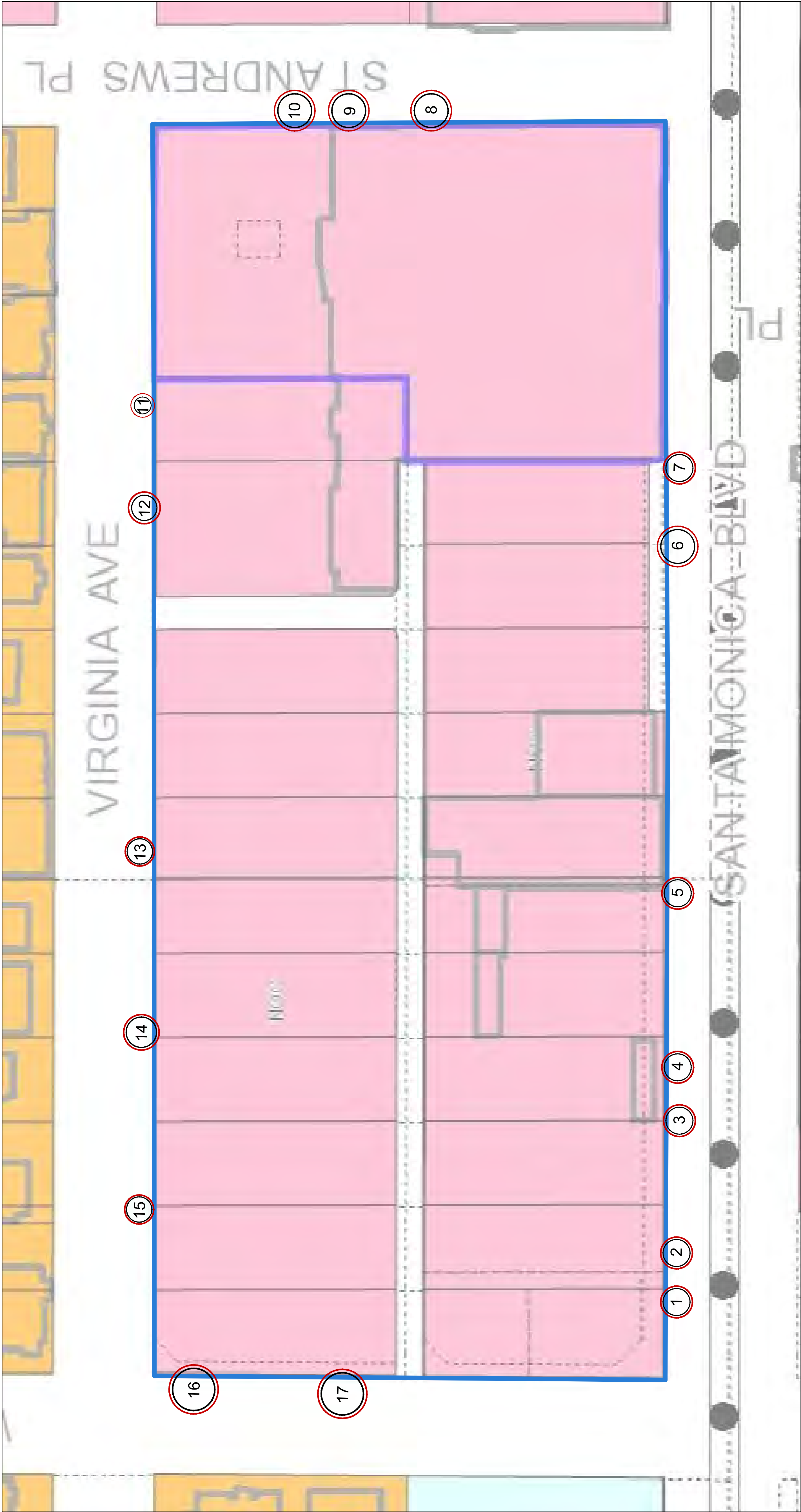
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