



RODNEY ELLIS
Commissioner

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEM

April 27, 2021

County Judge Lina Hidalgo
Members of Commissioners Court

RE: Donation from Trees For Houston to support a Precinct One tree give-a-way project.

Dear Judge Hidalgo and Commissioners Cagle, Garcia, and Ramsey:

Precinct One respectfully requests approval of a donation from Trees For Houston to support a tree give-a-way project on May 1, 2021 at Precinct One's Hardy Service Center. Trees For Houston, a 501(c)(3), will provide 500 trees, which will be available for pick up by individual members of the public. The trees are free to the public and will be available on a first come basis. The donation value is \$6,000.

Trees For Houston's mission is to plant, protect, and promote trees throughout the greater Houston area.

Sincerely,


Commissioner Rodney Ellis

RE: SM

xc: BD



Trees For Houston

Our mission is to plant, protect, and promote trees throughout the greater Houston area.

Our History

Founded in 1983, Trees For Houston initially focused our early efforts on planting street trees in the heart of Houston. Now celebrating our 36th anniversary, with over half a million trees planted, our organization has evolved into one that grows, plants, and maintains thousands of trees across the greater Houston region.

Our purpose

In addition to street tree plantings, our reach now includes a wide variety of planting projects ranging from esplanades and trails to parks and schools. Our constituency is as diverse and dynamic as the city of Houston itself. By planting trees wherever they may benefit the public, we can ensure a far reaching impact throughout our region for generations to come. Much like the trees that we plant, Trees For Houston's roots are deep, firmly established and continually growing.

Our programs

- Trees For Schools
- Street Trees
- Tree Dedications
- Individual Street Trees For Neighborhoods
- Neighborhood Tree Planting
- Sustainability Project

[Email from Trees For Houston]

From: Katherine Newton <katherine@treesforhouston.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 4:29 PM
To: Palathra, Megan (Commissioner Pct 1) <Megan.Palathra@cp1.hctx.net>
Cc: Natalie Jones <natalie@treesforhouston.org>
Subject: Re: 15g Trees

Hi Megan,

We are good to deliver trees to you for your event on May 1st. Below is the breakdown I was able to secure:

- 100, 5g Arrowwood Viburnum
- 150, 5g Crape Myrtle
- 150, 5g American Sycamore
- 100, 5g White Oak

Will send over information on the species soon!



Katherine Newton | Projects Director
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Internal Revenue Service

Department of the Treasury

District
Director

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Trees For Houston
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1001 Fannin
Houston, TX 77002

Person to Contact:
First Read Tax Examiner
Telephone Number:
(214)767-1162

Refer Reply to:
EP/EO:SPB:4950 DAL
Date:

May 7, 1990

Dear Sir or Madam:

Our records show that Trees For Houston is exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This exemption was granted July 1985 and remains in full force and effect. Contributions to your organization are deductible in the manner and to the extent provided by section 170 of the Code.

We have classified your organization as one that is not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code because you are an organization described in section 509(a)(2).

If we may be of further assistance, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Anderson

First Read Tax Examiner



April 22, 2021

Ms. Megan Palathra
1001 Preston, 9th Floor
Houston, TX 77002

Dear Ms. Palathra,

Trees For Houston is happy to partner with Precinct One on the upcoming tree giveaway event. Trees for Houston will deliver 500 trees prior to the May 1st giveaway event at Hardy Senior Center and Precinct One staff will distribute trees. This partnership will continue our efforts to build a healthier Houston region for all to enjoy.

Trees For Houston's Donation: \$6,000.00

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- 150, 5g Crape Myrtle
- 150, 5g American Sycamore
- 100, 5g White Oak

Over the last three decades, we have worked with numerous non-profit entities; served as a vital component for many large and prominent projects in Houston; aided in significantly reducing overall project costs; and dramatically improved environmental equality through our highly efficient tree planting program.

Thank you for joining us in this essential effort to expand and enhance our urban tree canopy to provide Houstonians with the vital benefits trees provide to our community.

Sincerely,

Barry J. Ward
Executive Director

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