

DRAFT for review Old City Cemetery Ad Hoc Committee:

**City of Sacramento
Guidelines for Trimming Pruning and Planting in the
Historic Old City Cemetery**

Given that the Historic City Cemetery is a listed historic district, listed in the Sacramento, California and National Registers of Historic Places, significant features of the cemetery are identified in the Sacramento Register ordinance that call out for treatments that will ensure their preservation. These features include the following, per the historic district ordinance:

The significant features and characteristics of the Historic City Cemetery include the following:

- *Site plan, including the layout and organization of drives, paths, and plot areas;*
- *The site's topography and its resulting retaining walls and terraced, raised plots;*
- *The plots' variety of surrounding walls, curbs and often metalwork fencing, and curbs and walls in a variety of materials and designs;*
- *The collection of mausoleums, monuments, tombs and headstones;*
- *The Mortuary Chapel;*
- *Brick, stone, concrete, turf and mulch paths/walkways, with a variety of original layout, edging, and scoring patterns;*
- *Historic vegetation (from Master Plan 1953 aerial photo) and historic locations of elms and other significant canopy trees and shrubs, including heritage roses and other garden areas identified in the Cemetery Master Plan.*

Therefore, to ensure that these features are protected, a balanced approach to maintenance that ensures ALL features are appropriately protected is called for.

For the cemetery's plant materials, treatments that are appropriate to the type of shrub or tree and that will avoid harm to the other significant features of the cemetery are called for. In this regard, the following pruning guidelines are hereby provided for the Historic City Cemetery trees and shrubs and related supports: