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*As a species, we are hardwired to nature from cradle to grave
At Garland Alliance, Inc. we understand this relationship and we help our clients reconnect with nature and rediscover the wild*

April 8, 2019

To whom it may concern:

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However, we have great concerns about the future of this grove -- this iconic landmark -- in the heart of downtown Milwaukee.

A Certificate of Appropriateness was granted that allows removal of four trees. We are well aware of the dangers that may be present if hazardous tree limbs are allowed to remain. However, we do not believe that complete removal of four trees, including their root balls, is the most prudent measure at this time. Such complete removal would potentially damage surrounding trees. This, in turn, could seriously undermine the grove's integrity, structurally and formally, in both tree health and design.

At a public hearing last month, the City of Milwaukee's chief forester, David Sivyler, recommended further study of the trees and stewardship options before undertaking wholesale removal.

Before irrevocable damage is done, we urge you to consult professionals who have deep knowledge and expertise with legacy landscapes and mature trees. This will help ensure that the most responsible action is taken to protect public safety -- and to allow time to develop a long-term management plan.

Bottom line: We want to help. We want to offer our knowledge of best practices to facilitate the best possible decisions are made to this renowned public space.

Sincerely,

Tim R. Garland, RLA, President
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Metro Milwaukee, Southeast Wisconsin and Areas Beyond



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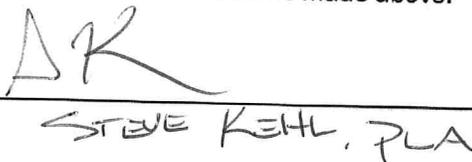
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Landscape Design/Architecture

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Seasonal Color

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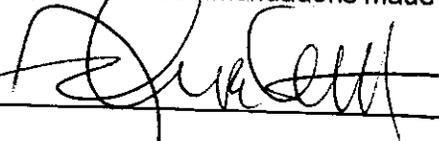
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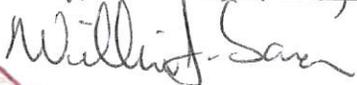
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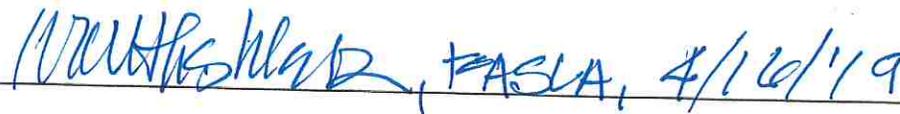
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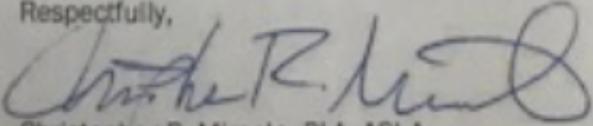
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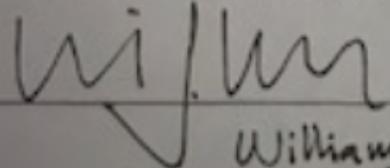
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