

Re Item #CC6, Parking restriction on Oakglade Drive

I am writing in opposition to the proposed restrictions on parking along the full length of Oakglade Drive. I believe this proposal is designed to limit access to a public park and addresses a non-existent problem. Typically, resident-only parking restrictions are used when there is a shortage of parking. On Oakglade (and Ridgeside), there are usually more gardeners and tree-trimmers parked on the street than residents or visitors.

Monrovia Canyon Park is a wonderful asset to the entire Monrovia community and it has limited on-site parking. We see many cars parking on Canyon below the park entrance and a relatively small number of cars parked, usually on weekends on Oakglade. Most visitors are families with kids and they are more likely to marvel at the deer and other wildlife than to cause any disturbance.

We have lived at 771 Oakglade for more than 20 years, just above the no-parking area that extends above Canyon Blvd. We frequently walk the neighborhood and have never seen or heard any excessive problems from outside visitors. Although one of our neighbors complains of beer cans, discarded condoms and loud parties, we not seen such problems on Oakglade. I do not know, but suspect such things may occasionally occur nearby on upper Canyon Blvd, near the park's entrance gate. If so, that area is not affected by this rule change.

What we do see is occasional overzealous enforcement by the Monrovia PD, apparently in response to complaints by one of the neighbors. A few years ago, shortly after a meeting with the Traffic Committee at the city's maintenance yard, we hosted a small afternoon barbeque for several other couples, one of whose car was ticketed by the MPD. The car was in front of our home and above the restricted area. I mention this because a MPD supervisor had told us at that meeting that current practice was not to issue tickets unless there had been a complaint from a resident. I called the PD that afternoon, the officer returned and disposed of the ticket after acknowledging that our friends were parked legally.

In another case, a few months ago, I was doing yard work on a weekend afternoon and observed a young MPD officer ticketing cars parked above the restricted area. When I questioned the officer he said he had been sent up by his supervisor and told to ticket every car on the street. When I pointed out that the cars were parked legally, he told me that he could not void the tickets but the owners could complain in person at the police station if they wished. I don't think that should be Monrovia PD policy.

Regarding the proposed rule change, I wish to note the following:

The request was apparently discussed and approved at a meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee on June 18. That discussion was not given public notice for input from the public.

Also, the proposal apparently specifies that permits are available for \$30 annually to residents of the street. When I spoke with Mr. Castruita, he told me that the permits are issued to residents of the restricted area and can be displayed on visitor's cars. However the text of his July 14 letter to residents says that permits are issued to *vehicles* registered to addresses in the permit zone. Based on his letter, it appears permits would not be valid for any vehicles not registered on Oakglade. Even so, I don't believe anyone who hosts a gathering – whether it's a birthday, graduation or SuperBowl party, should need to purchase a \$30 annual permit for every guest vehicle parked on the street.

In addition, there are a number of residents who conduct small business or have hired caregivers that apparently would need to have permits for employees or vendors. These businesses are quite small and inconspicuous, and I don't believe they cause any disturbance to neighbors who may not even be aware that they exist.

Thank you for your consideration,
Gerald Shutman
771 Oakglade Drive
Monrovia, Ca.

From: [Alice Atkins](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Fwd: THANK YOU!!
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 7:13:19 AM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Carol Daley <foothillskitchen91016@gmail.com>
Date: July 21, 2020 at 2:26:30 AM PDT
To: Alex Blackburn <ablackburn@ci.monrovia.ca.us>, Becky Shevlin <beckyshevlin@gmail.com>, Gloria Crudgington <gcrudgington@ci.monrovia.ca.us>, L Spicer <ljspiceisnice@yahoo.com>, Tom Adams <thomas.adams@century21.com>, Dylan Feik <dfeik@ci.monrovia.ca.us>
Cc: Alice Atkins <aatkins@ci.monrovia.ca.us>, Janie Duncan <janieduncan@altrionet.com>, Pam Werner <ironbutterfly53@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: THANK YOU!!

UPDATE:

Dear Alice- Would you be kind enough to disregard the previous letters that we sent in and read this into the City Council Meeting on July 21? I was so excited when I first read it, that number one, I neglected to even address Dylan in thanking him (and he, of course, is the source of where one reads about it on his City Manager's page! Sorry Dylan! Thank you to all of you, because We know, no one acts on their own to get something like this passed.

ALice, I am sorry for the trouble, but would you please read the following into the record at the city council meeting on July 21. Thank you!

July 17, 2020

Thank you, **City Manager Dylan, Councilmembers and Mayor Tom**, for this: *"The moratorium prohibits all landlords/property owners from pursuing an eviction for non-*

*payment of rent and “no fault” evictions. **The ordinance will remain in place through the duration of the [COVID-19 emergency declaration.](#)**”*

Understandably there will be landlords that will be hurting because of this and that is very unfortunate and sad, but the number of tenants that would otherwise fall out of housing, far outweighs that number. We are so grateful for this ordinance remaining intact for now. Very appreciated!

As well as that, 'Thank you for **Monrovia's COVID-19 Emergency Rental (ERA) & Emergency Utility Assistance (EUA) Programs !!!!** **We are SO GRATEFUL for these compassionate and caring actions coming from our city!**

We are so proud to be a leader among cities, in being one of the first cities to offer this type of program and support to people that are filled with so much stress on how they will manage.

Gratefully yours,

Carol Daley, Janie Duncan, Pam Werner
Co-founders of Foothills Kitchen

On Fri, Jul 17, 2020 at 5:29 PM Carol Daley
<foothillskitchen91016@gmail.com> wrote:

Alice please add this to our letter as well:

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Alice Atkins

From: Sari Canales <sc@monroviacc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 5:34 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Chamber report for public comment

Here is the chamber's report for public comment.

8 New Chamber members for June:

Creative Works
Jenna's Pies
Burger IM
Café de Olla
Goki Café
Metro Greens Vertical Microfarms
Ph Solutions
Unique Cycles West Coast

7 New Chamber members for July:

Ferrari Bros. Body Shop
Semarad Carpet & Flooring
Colleen Art + Design
Detail Union Group
Dialani Associates
Rockthorn
Tech Rock Stars

The chamber is excited to see the creative outdoor dining and wish the best for our community restaurants. Dine Local.

The chamber is looking forward to working together with the City and MOTAB on the Beer and Wine Walk event in October.

The chamber is exploring topic ideas for upcoming seminars and workshops for example:

Discussion about the impact of Distancing Learning on Employees with young children.

How the Remotely Learning and Remote Working can be possible

Impact of the new health order on local businesses especially personal care services and fitness centers.

Support Local, Shop Local, Dine Local

Sari Canales
Executive Director



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Alice Atkins

From: john letts <john@i-tennis.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 5:50 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Public comment text - less than 2 minutes

Greetings Mayor and Councilmembers,

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is John Letts, and I am the owner and founder of a company called iTennis that has provided recreational tennis classes in association with the City of Monrovia at Recreation Park over the last two years.

By way of background, I was a U.S. national junior champion tennis player, Stanford All-American, and ATP tour player. I had the good fortune of playing tennis all over the world, including in all four Grand Slam tournaments. After practicing law for four years, I moved to Pasadena and founded iTennis.

iTennis provides community tennis all over Southern California. We have run the City of Pasadena's tennis programming for the last 18 years and now have contracts with the County of Los Angeles, the City of West Hollywood, the City of Riverside and many more. We have enjoyed working with the City of Monrovia over the last two years, but we feel there is much, much more we can do in providing tennis programming for the City's residents.

Right now with Covid-19, there is a huge increase in interest in tennis. Over the last month we have seen a surge in demand for private and group tennis lessons. We have a youth summer tennis camp next week in Pasadena with over 70 students signed up and a waiting list.

We would like to keep up with the demand by having more leeway to create programming at Recreation Park. Right now our hands are tied due to the rigid nature of creating classes months in advance and waiting for such classes to be advertised in the Activity Guide. In all other jurisdictions we operate in, we do all the creation of classes, advertising, registration and money collection. This has worked out well for all parties and is what we are proposing to the City of Monrovia.

I sent via email a brief letter and proposal to you and all councilmembers earlier this evening, so I hope you have a chance to review it over the next week or two. We can provide many more safe, outdoor tennis activities for City of Monrovia residents if given the chance.

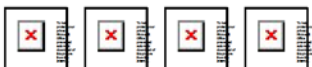
Thank you for your time, and I look forward to having the chance to discuss this further.

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John Letts
Owner/Founder iTennis, Inc.



<http://www.i-tennis.com>



From: [Bryan Butler](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Recent Dangerous Bear Activity and Illegal Feeding of Wildlife
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 2:48:12 PM

We are writing to you today to make certain that the city has been informed of the recent dangerous bear activity occurring in our north Monrovia residential area. On July 8th, at approximately 11:00 AM, a bear attacked and mauled to death a deer in our neighbors' backyard in the 700 block of Oakglade Drive. We witnessed the attack from our yard, and, from a distance, we were able to record a portion of the incident on video. We immediately reported the killing to both the Monrovia Police Department and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The video was shared with the latter agency for documentation. Also, a few days earlier in July, the neighbor two houses south of us was bitten by a bear on her property. This alarming incident has also been reported to Fish and Wildlife for investigation.

Greatly contributing to the problem is the fact that some residents in the area are deliberately leaving out water and/or food for the wildlife. This human behavior can have devastating consequences for our community. Perhaps the city would consider sending a notice to residents living in the northern portion of the city informing them of the recent bear activity, urging caution, and explaining that the feeding of wildlife is illegal. It may also be of help if the city posts a few signs stating that the feeding of wildlife is prohibited.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this important matter,

Nancy and Bryan Butler

From: [phil cannon](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Public input to be read and posted July 21, 2020.
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 11:51:07 AM

Mayor Pro Tem Blackburn: Last year as spokesman for the Keep California Safe Act, you proclaimed the existence of a "spike in crime" caused by criminal justice reform laws and other dubious statements. Subsequently, at your request, I came to meetings and presented a vast amount of evidence to the contrary. Then I challenged you to defend your position, but you have remained resolutely silent. When two of your colleagues cursed and smeared me for the public input you solicited, you didn't rebuke those personal attacks. Lately, you have been absent from meetings and when present you don't participate much. I voted for you twice, but now I regret to request your resignation and recommend replacement by someone who will show up and be accountable.

From: [Ben Libbey](#)
Cc: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: 910 South Ivy Avenue CUP2019-0020, TTM2020-0002
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 1:43:26 PM

7/21/2020

Monrovia City Council
415 S. Ivy Avenue
Monrovia, CA 91016

cityclerk@ci.monrovia.ca.us;
Via Email

Re: 910 South Ivy Avenue
CUP2019-0020, TTM2020-0002

Dear Monrovia City Council,

YIMBY Law submits this letter to inform you that the City Council has an obligation to abide by all relevant state housing laws when evaluating the above captioned proposal, including the Housing Accountability Act (HAA).

California Government Code § 65589.5, the Housing Accountability Act, prohibits localities from denying housing development projects that are compliant with the locality's zoning ordinance or general plan at the time the application was deemed complete, unless the locality can make findings that the proposed housing development would be a threat to public health and safety. The most relevant section is copied below:

(j) When a proposed housing development project complies with applicable, objective general plan and zoning standards and criteria, including design review standards, in effect at the time that the housing development project's application is determined to be complete, but the local agency proposes to disapprove the project or to approve it upon the condition that the project be developed at a lower density, the local agency shall base its decision regarding the proposed housing development project upon written findings supported by substantial evidence on the record that both of the following conditions exist:

(1) The housing development project would have a specific, adverse impact upon the public health or safety unless the project is disapproved or approved upon the condition that the project be developed at a lower density. As used in this paragraph, a "specific, adverse impact" means a significant, quantifiable, direct, and unavoidable impact, based on objective, identified written public health or safety standards, policies, or conditions as they existed on the date the application was deemed complete.

(2) There is no feasible method to satisfactorily mitigate or avoid the adverse impact identified pursuant to paragraph (1), other than the disapproval of the housing development project or the approval of the project upon the condition that it be developed at a lower density.

...

(4) For purposes of this section, a proposed housing development project is not inconsistent with the applicable zoning standards and criteria, and shall not require a rezoning, if the housing development project is consistent with the objective general plan standards and criteria but the zoning for the project site is inconsistent with the general plan. If the local agency has complied with paragraph (2), the local agency may require the proposed housing development project to comply with the objective standards and criteria of the zoning which is consistent with the general plan, however, the standards and criteria shall be applied to facilitate and accommodate development at the density allowed on the site by the general plan and proposed by the proposed housing development project.

The applicant proposes to build a new six-unit townhouse development on a 16,005 square foot lot located

at 910 South Ivy Avenue. The applicant is also requesting approval to subdivide that property so that each of the six units could be sold as condominiums.

The above captioned proposal is zoning compliant and general plan compliant, therefore, your local agency must approve the application, or else make findings to the effect that the proposed project would have an adverse impact on public health and safety, as described above.

Yimby Law is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, whose mission is to increase the accessibility and affordability of housing in California.

I am signing this letter both in my capacity as the Executive Director of YIMBY Law, and as a resident of California who is affected by the shortage of housing in our state.

Sincerely,



Sonja Trauss
Executive Director
YIMBY Law