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To: [Alice Atkins](#); [Dylan Feik](#); [Alex Blackburn](#); [Becky Shevlin](#); [Gloria Crudgington](#); [Larry Spicer](#); [Tom Adams](#)
Subject: City Council Meeting for Mach 16, 2021
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 4:10:17 AM

Dear Dylan, Tom and City Councilmembers,

March 15, 2021

For months now during the pandemic, we have been limited as the 'public voice', to only being able to send in written commentary at City Council meetings. We have been told by you that that is legal and ok to do.

We are appealing to you, to please allow our voices to be heard **DURING the City Council meetings**. We did our own little survey about what other neighboring cities are doing and we found that **Arcadia, Sierra Madre, Alhambra**, and **Azusa** have telephone public comment access during their City Council meetings. **Duarte** and **Glendora** do Zoom meetings with public comment access.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Carol Daley, Monrovia Housing and Tenants Advocates

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From: [Brian Tindall](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: public comment 3/16/21
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 4:16:27 PM
Attachments: [Oak tree protection.pdf](#)

Last week we lost a historic oak tree. This tree was about 60ft tall and I am sure older than anyone in town. This tree was removed from the backyard of a house, the home owner did contact the city to check for approval. Approval was granted because the tree was in the backyard, not the front yard.

Oak protection is done for the preservation of healthy oak trees which are necessary to preserve the present scenic beauty and heritage of Monrovia, maintain property values and promote conservation of natural resources. -Monrovia code 17.20.040

LA county also has an oak protection ordinance, it protects ANY oak genus without regard to its location on the property.

Oaks are more important now, with the fire damage and the continuing drought, these native trees provide habit, shade, oxygen and erosion protecting.

I spoke with many of you as I watched this tree get cut down, I was told that staff reads the code that all conditions must be met for a tree to be protected. I would like that the code to be changed so that a tree is protected if any conditions are met. Because this tree was in a backyard it was not protected, even thou it was an oak, it was the required size, and it was healthy.

Thank you

Thank you, Alice. I already sent the PDF to the council; I didn't know if you might want to read it or need it for records.

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From: [Sari Canales](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Chamber report for City Council Meeting
Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 11:23:33 AM

Aztec Cigar Company	3/3/2021	Active	Basic
My Chair By Maria	3/3/2021	Active	Basic
Family First Life Royalty	3/3/2021	Active	Basic
Law Office of Sergio E. Fernandez, PC	3/3/2021	Active	Basic
Ackerman, Jason	3/8/2021	Active	Basic
D Masin Consulting	3/10/2021	Active	Basic
Dulce Cielo	3/10/2021	Active	Basic
Sumner Development	3/10/2021	Active	Basic
Dan-Mar Custom Draperies	3/10/2021	Active	Basic
First Church of Christ, Scientist	3/3/2021	Active	Basic

Welcome 10 new members to the chamber for the month of March.

Please check out www.shopsgv.com for businesses in Monrovia and surrounding areas.

Ribbon cutting for Sweet Ethan's on Tuesday, March 23rd at 4pm.

Spring Planting Event brought to you by the Monrovia Young Professionals Thursday, April 22nd at 3pm.

Visit chamber website for more info.

Rosalin Blessing 03-16-2021

Good Evening Counsel Member's and Staff my name is Rosalin Blessing, and I am the C.E.O/ President of a 501(c)3 Nonprofit Organization called the Vintage Rose Women's Shelter Corp. which was established in 2008 as a grass-root and a vision. the reason for my needing to address Counsel this evening regarding the crisis that my Organization is currently dealing with dating back previously to 2018 I have setup many appointments with our City Counsel members starting with Assembly member Chris Holden headquarters in the Pasadena on Rosemead Blvd he was in Washington at that time and gave me an appointment with his acting secretary Terrance Williams who referred me to the Monrovia Community Development Center who could not accommodate my Organization in any way so I setup an appointment with Assembly member Larry Splicer who I was referred to by my neighbor and close associate to my family and I and is a long time associate with Mr. Splicer Mr. Bruce Blunt who has a sister name Jamelle Blunt Mr. Blunt stated that he went to school with Mr. Splicer and referred me to go and setup an appointment to talk with him. about my Organizations dilemmas the appointment with Mr. Splicer was unsuccessful but just by a wonderful coincidence I happen to run into Mr. Splicer in the Pasadena DMV office.

I had a brief conversation with Mr. Splicer regarding any available City owned vacant properties or space? in which he replied that the City currently did not have funds setup for Housing assistance at one time prior to 2018 they use to he said have funds to were they would assist some Monrovia resident home owners with Mortgage payments or first time homeowners with closing cost and so forth but they put a cap on the program and the City currently is in debt to the Water& Power company due to the drought we had been experiencing back in 2018 .well I continued my quest to Assembly Member Grace Napolitano Headquarter in El Monte and spoke with her head Secretary Perla Hernandez who also sat on the YWCA Wing's Board of Directors regarding Vintage Rose Organizations shelter dilemmas. Women/Children who are in trauma and crisis and need temporary housing away from their abusers.

That appointment was to no avail. I went to Assembly member Judy - Chu whose headquarter is in Pasadena on Lake Ave again to no avail. Our Organization hit a wall all our City Councilmembers failed us they all passed us along starting from Chris Holden to Judy Chu so today I am here before you with new research with our local Monrovia Police department in 2019 I held a Vintage Rose workshop in Duarte Ca. and Monrovia Detective M. Garcia who I spoke with regarding information on their D.V. unit who was in charge of that Program and if I could get some D. V brochures and literature to place on the tables at the workshop. Det. Garcia stated that twice out the month they have a clinical worker that comes in and handles the D.V issue in that Unit, So we comprised a packet with all of the Vintage Rose pertinent Document's and brochures and walked it into the Precinct requesting to give the packet to the clinical worker and he stated he would put it on her desk for when she returned I never heard back from her. Living as a resident here in the city of Monrovia for going on 7 years now on Foothill/ Mountain and through this past year of the Pandemic I have a call log that I have in front of me today with the time day and all manually written of woman calls in distress, dating all the way back from June 2018 until March 15th, 2021

I know through frequenting Old Town Myrtle Ave. on the Corner of Myrtle and Colorado at the Senior Center where I briefly volunteered through AARP I saw through using the restroom facilities located in the back of the building several available vacant rooms behind the front office space which could serve as an emergency temporary Shelter for these women who call our D.V hotline number on a daily basis for help with their very lives! fleeing from horrific abuse from their intimate partners! and all Vintage Rose can do at this time is refer them to our YWCA Wings in Covina CA I also saw that the Aztec hotel I

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believe is on the other side of Colorado was closed down and vacant which also could serve as an emergency temporary shelter for these Women in trauma and crisis fleeing for their lives, in closing through the Vintage Rose fundraising phase of our development we have raised a noticeable amount of funds in the Vintage Rose business account and could possible pay enough to startup or lease a facility for about 4 to 6 months because we are a 501(c)3 nonprofit and our sole existence is based on charities and donations we could not afford to pay market rent but willing to pay for the leasing of any of the above mentioned properties but we don't have enough funds for the sustainability of the property and need the help and support of our Community and City officials, I also have a question what is it that these properties are continued to be unoccupied vacant available for some large Development to buy and tear it down to rebuild some large building or stores for profit? But you cannot make a profit off human lives that need your HELP!!! And for that I am responsible for.

Julissa Zepeda 03-16-2021

Good evening everyone, my name is Julissa Zepeda, a District Representative from the Office of Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio. Although I introduced myself to the council members via email, I wanted to do so again tonight. Please feel free to reach out to me for any state legislative and state agency questions or concerns – I am happy to be of service. I look forward to continue attending council meetings virtually, and anticipate the day we can all formally meet in person.

From: [Ruhiiyyih Yuille](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Public Input meeting 3/16
Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 3:11:08 PM

To Monrovia City Council,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the format for public input at our local city council meetings. I am aware that we are in unique times that require innovative thinking. To that end I will assume the council quickly adapted to this virtual environment and began holding city council meetings via. teleconference.

As a temporary measure, you also implemented the policy of submission of public input by 5pm on the day of the meeting. You also indicated that although community members entire comments may be summarized during the meeting, the members of the council would receive the comment in full.

Here are my concerns:

1. I understand that "temporary" is my language, but I can only conclude it was temporary, as citizens are allotted specific time guidelines and are encouraged to engage their first amendment right to voice concerns in an uncensored way to the government when we meet in person. Summarization of citizen comments leads to individual interpretation of salient ideas and the meaning of the comment itself.
2. . Under the PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS section there is an opportunity for 10 min of public testimony and 5 min for rebuttal. It then continues to indicate that "members of the public who wish to speak have a 5 min. time frame with no rebuttal time". The current format does not adequately provide for this provision. (I have copied below statements directly from the agenda on this topic)

There are many localities facilitating public comment in a manner that more faithfully reflects the principles underlying the importance of public interaction and input in matters of local government. I call on the council to immediately implement strategies that will enable community public input to happen live during the council meetings. You have the technology and the manpower. Why not use them?

Respectfully,

Ruhiiyyih Yuille

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Your participation is welcomed and invited at all City Council meetings. Time is reserved at each regular meeting for those in the audience who wish to address the Council. The City requests that persons addressing the City Council refrain from making personal, slanderous, profane or disruptive remarks. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPEALS are items scheduled for which public input is either required or desired. The

applicant shall be allowed a ten (10) minute time frame to present project testimony and a five (5) minute time frame to respond following further public testimony. Appellants will be afforded the same opportunities. Other members of the public who wish to speak have a five (5) minute time frame with no rebuttal time.

From: [Edward Belden](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [MPWR](#)
Subject: Public Comment for 03/16 City Council Meeting
Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 4:53:06 PM

Good Evening. On behalf of the Board of MPWR, the Monrovia Parks, Wilderness and Recreation Foundation, Inc., I'd like to thank both the City Staff and City Council for their dedication and support of the fantastic Parks, beautiful Wilderness Areas, and creative Recreation programs in Monrovia!

The intrinsic value of these community resources has become even more abundantly clear to all of us during the COVID-19 pandemic. We look forward to continuing to work with the City Council and Staff to increase resources for recreation and community programs, parks, facilities, and open spaces in Monrovia.

Edward Belden,
Board President, Monrovia Parks, Wilderness and Recreation Foundation, Inc.