

From: [Sari Canales](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Chamber report
Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 4:29:31 PM
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Monrovia Young Professionals Spring Planting Event - flyer attached.

A flyer for a Spring Planting Event. The top half has a red background. On the left, a white circle contains the text 'SPRING PLANTING EVENT' in red. To the right, the date and time 'APRIL 22, 2021 3PM - 5PM' are written in white. Further right is the 'metro greens' logo, with 'metro' in pink and 'greens' in green. Below the date, the address '2017 S. Myrtle Avenue Monrovia' is written in white. At the bottom left of the red section, it says 'ALL SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED' in white. The bottom half of the flyer has a background image of red tomatoes. On the left is the logo for 'Monrovia Young Professionals' and 'MONROVIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Group' with the tagline 'Gaining Access, Building Relationships'. On the right, the text 'Register Here' is underlined, followed by 'For More Info contact Sari Canales sc@monroviacc.com 626-358-1159'.

Check Out New Website



Restaurant Resilience Fund- application process begins April 11th Flyer attached

Thank you.

Sari Canales
Executive Director



MONROVIA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

620 S. Myrtle Avenue
Monrovia, CA 91016

626-358-1159 phone
sc@monroviacc.com



The California Restaurant Foundation and SoCalGas® invite local restaurants to apply for grants up to \$3,500 and a year of technical support from the **Restaurants Care Resilience Fund**. The grants are open to restaurants in Los Angeles County with fewer than 50 employees. Priority will be given to restaurants owned by women and people of color. Funds are intended to be used on payroll and related expenses - allowing the restaurant owner to free up funds for other business expenses such as rent, technology upgrades and outdoor dining retrofitting. **We'll take care of your crew. You take care of your business.**

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SPRING PLANTING EVENT

APRIL 22, 2021
3PM - 5PM



ALL SUPPLIES WILL BE
PROVIDED

2017 S. Myrtle Avenue
Monrovia



[Register Here](#)

For More Info contact
Sari Canales
sc@monroviacc.com
626-358-1159

From: [Carmen Martinez](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Oak support - I am in!
Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 4:28:56 PM

To whom it might concern,

I am writing to support the change to the oak ordinance.

Carmen Martinez, the best community realtor in town, donated over three thousand masks to our community, family and friends. Let's protect our oaks!

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Carmen Martinez
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From: [Erin Robinson](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: City Council meeting 04-06-2021, Agenda Item RCM-1: Oak Tree Regulations
Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 4:30:25 PM

My name is Erin Robinson and I live at 327 West Walnut Avenue in Monrovia. I was surprised to learn recently that oak trees in back yards in Monrovia's single family zone are not protected under our existing tree ordinance. This exception has allowed the removal of valuable oaks over the years. It is not necessary, nor is it equitable since property owners in the rest of the city's zones cannot claim such an exemption. Oaks should be preserved regardless of their location on a property, and all properties in Monrovia should be subject to the ordinance. Preserving our oak trees will help preserve the character of our town and protect the integrity of our natural environment. I encourage you to amend the existing ordinance to cover all oak trees in Monrovia, including those in backyards.

From: [Michele Brooke](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Fwd: Oak tree ordinance
Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 4:33:37 PM

I would like to request that the oak tree ordinance be amended to protect all oak trees in the city of Monrovia public or residential. Our oak trees are a vital part of our environment and should be protected at all costs.

Thank you
Michele Brooke

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Shelly Brooke** <brookelawgroup@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Apr 6, 2021 at 4:03 PM
Subject: Oak tree ordinance
To: <cityclerk@cityofmonrovia.ca.us>

I would like to request that the oak tree ordinance be amended to protect all oak trees in the city of Monrovia public or residential. Our oak trees are a vital part of our environment and should be protected at all costs.

Sent from my iPhone

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Michele Brooke, Esq.
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From: [Adi Paokhomai](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Oak Tree protection
Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 4:52:25 PM

I'm a long time-resident in the city of Monrovia and much appreciated that we are a tree city. And in order to better protect our oak trees, I believe extending the protection to the oaks to backyards and not just on public ways, will go a long way in keeping with our commitment in being a tree city. I urge whoever is responsible to go forward with this ordinance for the better health and well-being of our fellow residents.

Best regards,
Adi Paokhomai

From: [Grow Monrovia](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: public comment for council meeting 4/6
Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 5:01:51 PM

Grow Monrovia is a resident run non profit organization established to be a vehicle for change for the betterment of the community of Monrovia. As of recent, we have been working with public works to get more shade trees planted in our city. We have lost many trees due to disease and it's become more important than ever for us to protect our healthy trees. Please change the Oak Ordinance to include protections for oak trees on private property.

From: [Shelly Brooke](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Oak ordinance
Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 5:13:52 PM

I would like to request the Monrovia Oak Ordinance be amended to protect all oaks in the city. They are very important trees and should be protected at all costs. The city should also plant more oaks - if planted correctly they can become one of the most valuable assets the city can have for many environmentally significant reasons. Including protection from the effects of the heat of summer and to protect our residents from pollution.

Thank you.

Michele Brooke

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Connie Millsap](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Response to Resolution 2021-20
Date: Monday, April 5, 2021 9:08:37 PM

Please find comments and response to Resolution 2021-20:

Response to: RESOLUTION NO. 2021-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ACTIONS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN LOCAL DEMOCRACY, AUTHORITY, AND CONTROL AS RELATED TO LOCAL ZONING AND HOUSING ISSUES

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of California each year proposes, passes, and has signed into law a number of bills addressing a range of housing issues;

Yes, State legislation is required to address the national housing crisis and local housing crisis has been brought by local representation of elected legislators, to address these pressing issues. The housing crisis is far greater than local jurisdictions can address without national and state support. The State has proposed and passed housing legislation that provides parameters in which local jurisdictions can work within.

and WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of California does not allow sufficient time between each legislative cycle to determine if the legislation is successful in bringing about the change for the State of California's housing issues;

The Housing Element, which is required by the State, is an eight-year cycle. This is an adequate time frame in which to assess the situation and how the need is being met, or not by local municipalities. The RHNA numbers are a report card of how each city has met or not met the needs for housing. This is based on actual built property, therefore based on facts of how much housing has been developed for the various income categories.

and WHEREAS, the majority of these bills usurp the authority of local jurisdictions to determine for themselves the land use policies and practices that best suit each city and its residents and instead impose mandates that do not take into account the needs and differences of jurisdictions throughout the State of California;

Monrovia does not exist in a vacuum from the continuum of Los Angeles County, and San Gabriel Valley. Each city is responsible for its part in meeting the regional needs for housing. To date, most cities have not met the housing needs with its own local policies. Therefore, the State has had to step in with legislation to make cities do what they need to do for ALL citizens for housing. If cities were more responsive to the needs of citizens and not beholden to the interests of development, there would be a more balanced response to building housing. However, since this has not happened, the State now has to provide legislation to prompt local jurisdictions to do what they should do for the good of the communities.

and WHEREAS, the ability of local jurisdictions to determine for themselves which projects require review beyond a ministerial approval; what parking requirements are appropriate for various neighborhoods within their jurisdiction; what plans and programs are suitable and practical for each community rather than having these decisions imposed upon cities without regard to the circumstances of each individual city; and what zoning should be allowed for residential properties is a matter of great import to the City of Monrovia, among other items related to local zoning and housing issues; and

The State still allows local municipalities to develop their own policies within the parameters of the

State legislation. Local voice is not taken away by State laws.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Monrovia feels strongly that our local government is best able to assess the needs of our community and objects to the proliferation of State legislation that deprives us of that ability;

Local jurisdictions need to operate for the common good within the parameters of the State law. In addition, local jurisdictions need to address the historic and cultural housing injustices on which current zoning and laws were based.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that: 1. The City of Monrovia is opposed to the current practice of the legislature of the State of California of continually proposing and passing multitudes of bills that directly impact and interfere with the ability of cities to control their own destiny through use of the zoning authority that has been granted to them. 2. The City of Monrovia will explore various ways to protect the ability of cities to retain local control over zoning as each individual city within the State of California is best suited to determine how the zoning in their city should be allocated in order to meet the housing needs of the community.

I voice opposition to this resolution in that it is self-serving and does not really reflect the common good of the citizens of this community in meeting the housing needs, as is reflected in the RHNA report card. The City of Monrovia has not responded in good faith to the needs of the community in encouraging housing development at all levels of income, and especially for housing at the lower income levels.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Connie M. Tamkin
Resident, Homeowner
Monrovia Tenants and Housing Advocates

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Rev. Connie Tamkin
Resident
Monrovia Tenants and Housing Advocates

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Melissa Taylor](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: City Council Meeting Tonight
Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 11:25:26 AM

Good Evening Council Members and Mayor Adams,

I am writing in opposition to Resolution 2021-20.

It is no secret that Mayor Adams has disdain for Sacramento and rules brought down by the state. Unfortunately, there is a reason for these rules. It would be ideal of course if everyone just "did the right thing for their community" but the right thing for the community depends on who you are asking. Are you asking the renters who are being priced out? Are you asking the landlords, homeowners, and property owners who are concerned with property values? Are you asking younger residents who are aging into the time of buying their first home? Are you asking the older residents who are aging out of their homes? Are you asking the people who work for MUSD or our local governments but can't afford to live here?

The reason we have legislation from the State is to address the housing crisis, which has been exasperated and is now beyond what local jurisdictions can handle and the laws help create parameters for local jurisdiction. This resolution states that 8-years is not enough time to address housing issues, if we plan for the long term, this allows plenty of time to address how housing issues are or aren't being met. We currently have not met the housing needs with our own policies therefore, we have needed the State to step in for ALL citizens.

This resolution is nothing more than a selfish proclamation and does not reflect the entire community. We have had poor ratings in the RHNA report card and we need to respond to the needs of the community especially as our wealth disparities have increased. There is too much nuance involved to not have state involvement in these decisions. I am a housing advocate and we need to focus on people. Housing is a right and everyone deserves the right to affordable and fair housing. I believe we as a city can do so much better and I believe that the State providing guidelines and parameters will only help the entire community of Monrovia.

Sincerely,

Melissa Taylor

Response to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA,
CALIFORNIA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ACTIONS TO FURTHER
STRENGTHEN LOCAL DEMOCRACY, AUTHORITY, AND CONTROL AS
RELATED TO LOCAL ZONING AND HOUSING ISSUES

The resolution proposed by the Mayor should be sent by the Mayor as a personal letter to Assemblyman Chris Holden, State Senator Anthony Portantino, and Governor Gavin Newsom. As a City Council resolution, it falls far short of representing the opinions of many Monrovia residents.

This city does not stand alone. We are part of a web of citizenships extending from city to county to state to nation. At each level, we accept some limits on our freedoms in exchange for the benefits of membership in a larger group. At each level, the scale of the problems which can be addressed expands. From city streets to county roads to state highways to the interstate highway system, we have benefited. The same goes for the areas of security, health, commerce, education. We do not live in a bubble.

Unfortunately for all of us, the issues of housing affordability and homelessness have become national problems. California is particularly hard-hit. The solutions require much more effort than a single municipality can expend, and the problems will never be solved if each municipality works in isolation. It is to be expected that the state legislature would pass laws to address these issues.

The opinion expressed in the resolution that our City Council is best suited to solve the problems of affordability and homelessness flies in the face of our experience. In the previous eight-year housing cycle, this City Council failed the citizens of Monrovia. Of the approximately 2000 housing units approved by the City, all were market-rate, which exceeds the guidelines for affordability. This year, some adjustments were made to provide a small number of units for low income people in the Avalon apartment complex on South Myrtle, and the City is partnering with other cities to turn MODA into a mix of affordable units aimed mainly at moderate income people. But the City is still far short of meeting its RHNA allocation for 2014-2021, and the new allocation is approximately three times greater than the last one.

Right now, Avalon is advertising a two-bedroom, two-bath apartment at \$3,425 per month. This would be an appropriate monthly rent for a family with an annual income of approximately \$140,000 per year. The median monthly income for Los Angeles County is \$73,300. A person making minimum wage at 40 hours per week, 52 weeks per year makes \$29,120. Just take those numbers in.

Catherine McCallum

Homelessness is on the rise. We're losing families and our schools are facing falling enrollment, which has created serious budget shortfalls. We're losing businesses, and one frequently overlooked factor is that we can't provide businesses with a workforce. Our workforce is moving to the Inland Valley and other points east because they can't afford to live here. How does this demonstrate competence on the part of the City Council? It doesn't.

Please vote no on this resolution. The city doesn't need a City Council that wastes time on a blame game with Sacramento. We need a City Council with the will to address our problems.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine McCallum
Homeowner and 41-year-resident
Member of the Monrovia Housing and Tenants Advocates

From: [phil cannon](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Public Input April 6, 2021
Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 3:10:04 PM

Resolution Twenty Twenty-One Dash Twenty, as written, is a spiteful smear on Sacramento lawmakers by a reactionary who doesn't like their progressive policies and goals. It does not benefit Monrovia to be confrontational with State Representatives. They are accused here of authoring a vague but vast multitude of bills that encroach on our freedom, but not a single bill is specified. The accuser is thereby conveniently shielded from the scrutiny of any fact checker.

Twenty Twenty-One Dash Twenty concludes with an ominous warning of a plan to explore various actions that will protect us from this postulated tyranny. Deja vu. Recall 2017. Take Back Our Parks and Streets, et cetera. The prolonged disaster that took place the last time our city was led into futile fruitless battle against some State laws.

Considering that, let us resolve to quickly quash this quixotic crusade.

Dear Honorable Mayor Adams, City Council members and City Manager,

4/6/21

I am opposed to Resolution No. 2021-20. I like that the State has handed down parameters for cities to work with that encourage housing for affordable housing. I like that we have been given Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) to meet goals that cities should be trying to attain. I am glad that the state has loosened the rules about having an accessory dwelling unit (ADU/granny flat) on properties.

We have a crisis on our hands where 66,000 people living on the street in LA county need affordable housing. I am working with citizens that have lost their housing in Monrovia and they cannot find an affordable place to live. Cities in our state need to respond to the need for affordable housing. As far as creating affordable housing in Monrovia, we seem as though we have stagnated. On the City's website, it is boasting of the 2% of affordable that our city has attained. 2%? Big deal!

We were blessed to receive the Gold Line coming through our city. Did we think broadminded and build housing in all the affordable ranges? No, we built the Areum (160 units) and the Moda (261 units) with their luxury units, neither of them with any affordable units.

The recent 154 unit at Avalon Bay project (Chestnut and Myrtle), is advertising their 2-bedroom, 2 bathrooms for only \$3400+! That breaks down to, if you are spending 30% of your income on housing, you would have to be making \$140,000/year to live there! So, you say, well that is 2 incomes of \$70,000 each. In my line of working at our food kitchen, we see so many people displaced from their homes, when their spouse/partner, dies or becomes incapable of paying their half (health, job loss, etc).

We urgently need to implement a 20% inclusionary housing ordinance, whereby, if developers want to build in our city, there is a 'give-back' towards affordable housing. The city of Pasadena has produced over 1000 affordable units since 2001.

I don't think our city has acted responsibly in assuring that affordable housing in our city is met. We have given our prized land away to the highest bidder and built places that demand top dollar. I am very sorry about that. I am strongly opposed to the adoption of Resolution No. 2021-20. Let's work with the state's guidelines.

Besides the 20% inclusionary housing ordinance, let's make ADU's attractive to homeowners, by helping citizens to know more about them, by providing workshops, **free** blueprints of plans on the city website, dismissing the impact fees, producing special financing, etc. Let's try to reach our RHNA numbers. Let's do something towards affordable housing in our city, especially in the lower income levels!

Respectfully,

Carol Daley
Monrovia Housing & Tenants Advocates
Foothills Kitchen, co-founder