

From: [Mike Antos](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Gloria Crudgington](#)
Subject: Public Comment for Closed and Open Council meetings 7/6
Date: Friday, July 2, 2021 7:54:59 AM

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Good morning,

I would like this comment to be included in the closed session, and I will attend via Zoom and offer it during the public comment period of the open session as well. If you note that the closed session item isn't related, please just let me know? I tried to track where the parcels being discussed are, but that way of documenting the agenda makes it hard for me, a pretty savvy constituent, to track.

My comment to the Council is that, as a Monrovia resident in the 500 block of Fano Street, and someone who is ready to return to commuting via the Gold Line, I would encourage the Council to direct staff, and for the Council to act whenever possible to require developers to contribute to making better public access to the Gold Line station for pedestrians. I noted that the spur of Peck Road that reaches north of Duarte may be vacated for development - my hope is that the agreement with that developer includes a requirement that they create and maintain public access across the parcel to the train platform (this is done at the Del Mar station, over in Pasadena, quite nicely.)

The current layout of the Monrovia station for pedestrians to the south and west, where there is lots of developing multi-family residential properties, is pretty terrible. We have to take long paths around to crosswalks, and even the station property itself requires passing all the way to the east end in order to enter the train platform (frustratingly walking right past a fenced off set of stairs.). I know these ideas will require partnership with Metro.

I note elsewhere on the agenda developing strategies to reduce VMT. I would imagine it connecting the support for transit-oriented development around the station with a deliberate effort to make the station more accessible and user-friendly to pedestrians and cyclists would contribute well to this strategy.

Please use your negotiations and your authorities to have the private ventures, who will profit handsomely from their proximity to the train, to also make meaningful contributions so all Monrovians who want to access and use the train as an alternative to driving can do so more easily.

Thank you.

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From: [phil cannon](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Public Input July 6, 2021.
Date: Monday, July 5, 2021 1:44:37 PM

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George Gascon helped to create Propositions Forty-seven and Fifty-seven, two mighty pillars of California's Criminal Justice Reform Movement. His propositions passed with a landslide sixty per cent.

The Monrovia City Council helped to create Proposition Twenty, an attempt to kick down those pillars of justice. Your toes got stubbed. It failed with a feeble thirty-eight per cent. The overwhelming popularity of George Gascon's reform movement was reaffirmed.

To top it off, George Gascon defeated the incumbent Los Angeles County District Attorney with a decisive fifty-three point five percent of the vote.

As soon as he took office with this massive mandate, sore losers from the prison industrial complex and the Republican Party hatched a plan to recall him. The plan has now reached the signature gathering stage and the Council is having a crisis of confidence about casting its lot with the tough-on-crime crowd again.

As the conversation continues, I will defend my decision to vote for George Gascon with an appreciation of the man and his mission. And I will discredit his detractors.

From: [Ruhiyyih Yuille](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Public Input 7/6- non agenda item
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 12:57:49 PM

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Good evening Mayor and City Council,

My name is Ruhiyyih Yuille and I am a "generationally" long time Monrovia resident. My grandfather John Davis Gholar moved into this community in the early 1950s and we have made this community our home since that time.

I am writing today to keep the topic of criminal justice reform and the potential for my city to forward a vote of no confidence in our county DA on your minds. I have spoken before on this issue and wish to highlight two concepts tonight.

First, in my work on the Ad Hoc committee for Equity and Inclusion, I heard a refrain echoed often by 80% of the council. Those members firmly stated, on several occasions, their **commitment** to understanding how the city's agencies can work better to serve better. There was a **commitment** to engaging innovative thinking and "out of the box" strategies to make Monrovia better for all. If you express a **commitment** to doing things differently, doing things better, and creative problem solving for problems of equity- perhaps missed previously- then it seems to me to be hypocritical, at best, to fail to apply the same willingness to learn and explore when a state agency aims to do the same type of work.

Second, I have been privileged enough as a Monrovia to witness the growing pains that naturally occur when democracy happens. I have seen folks who hold very different political orientations come together and keep the city working. I have seen the rise and fall of power and perspective that has not fallen to the base level of dogmatic quibbling and distraction. The voters in our county made our voice heard, through a hotly debated and closely won political process. Is it not then, your responsibility to find a path forward... through collaboration and compromise rather than the partisan spectacle we are seeing play out on our state and federal stages today? I know Monrovia wants more from our elected representatives.

Lifting as we cling,

Ruhiyyih N Yuille

From: [rosemary gavidia](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Public Comment for 6/6 council meeting
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 4:39:14 PM

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As a community we care about our green scape and want to ensure we are selecting landscape appropriate for our environment, especially city trees in order to ensure their health and longevity.

In reviewing the current landscaping proposal for 820 Huntington Dr, there are very few native trees and plants planned for this project. I ask that our city council hold this developer along with future developers to the same plan we have for street trees which was recently revised in section 12.44.010, where all tree planting is completed with a "native trees first" approach. Monrovia is woodland and our public landscapes should reflect this. When developers are required to use drought tolerant landscapes often they choose desert landscape with agave and palm trees. Monrovia is not a desert, we have a wide array of native plant and tree options that would meet the drought tolerant landscape requirement while keeping the character of our beautiful foothill city and providing much needed habitat for our native wildlife.

I am requesting that council discuss a change in city landscape ordinance for developers that will require developers to use native trees and plants with new developments or landscape modifications. On this proposed changed ordinance, shade trees should be implemented into future landscape projects to offset the urban heat island effect of adding more concrete structures to our city. Now more than ever, with the drought that California is experiencing we need plants that thrive with our increasing temperatures and stay within the Tree City image Monrovia is known for. These changes will help cool our city temperatures, provide habitat for our native wildlife, preserve our city's character and charm and with requiring shade trees we show our concern for our elderly neighbors and others who have to walk on the hottest of days.

Rosemary Gavidia
14 year Monrovia resident, representative of community non profit Grow Monrovia

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I agree with this public comment below. Monrovia is a woodland with an variety of beautiful native plant and tree options.

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From: **rosemary gavidia** <rosemary@growmonrovia.org>
Date: Tue, Jul 6, 2021 at 4:38 PM
Subject: Public Comment for 6/6 council meeting
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Best Regards,
Michele
Grow Food, Grow Habitat, Grow Community