

**From:** [Eddie Rattanapichetkul](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** George Gascon Vote  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 21, 2021 8:18:59 PM

---

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Good Evening City Council,

With the passing of Prop 47 and Prop 57, there has been a huge spike in crime. These propositions allow for repeat offenders because it categorized crimes such as burglary, shoplifting, fraud, and certain drug offenses to be considered “low level” thus leading to “slap on the hand” type punishments. Thus allowing these crimes to have a revolving door effect. George Gascon is exacerbating this situation with his decisions to eliminate cash bail for criminals and the removal of gang enhancements which lengthens a penalty for gang members, now cities like ours are suffering while you sit back and take a hands off approach. The struggle for the Monrovia Police Department was already hard enough, now it’s seems almost impossible to get out city back to feeling safe. The City of Monrovia has chosen to stay silent on the vote of “no confidence” against Gascon. I ask the question, why ?

I have been a police officer for 15 years and lived in the City of Monrovia for close to 10. I pride myself on living in a nice area where there is little to no violent crime. I would read the MPD weekly crime report and feel proud there was only half a page of crime updates; the majority being pro-active policing to keep our community safe. I read it now and it has several violent crimes being committed as well as an up-tick in property crimes. That goes for our surrounding cities as well. The potential damage George Gascon can cause is evident when you consider the destruction he’s caused in City of San Francisco. His policies have ruined a city once visited by many for their amazing food and historical sites. Now it would be tough to visit San Francisco without stepping over human feces or the threat of being robbed.

Several Foothill communities have already voted for a “No Confidence” in George Gascon including Rosemead, Arcadia, Covina, Azusa, and La Verne to name a few. They have shown that they care for the well being and quality of life of their constituents. I’m sure Police Chief Sanvictores and many members of his staff feel the same way. Please, Mayor Adams and the entire city council, join the fight against the destruction caused by George Gascon. Vote for “No Confidence” in George Gascon.

Eddie

**From:** [shawn .](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Athens trash pick-up  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 3, 2021 2:41:17 PM

---

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Good evening Mayor, Pro Tem Mayor and Council Members. I have written you before regarding issues I have on trash pick up days. Either I can't place my trash barrels in the street, due to parked cars blocking the street or people move my cans to the sidewalk so they can park. The last time I brought this to council's attention, it cost \$30 for Athens to send a truck back out to empty the barrels. Since then, Athens has raised the fee to \$47.50. Attached is a photo, taken this morning. I waited as long as possible to leave for work, hoping I could move the barrels to the street. By 9am, I left them as is. The truck for recyclables had already passed by.

My street sweeping day is Thursday. It seems like an easy fix to coordinate both things on the same day, since a no parking sign is already in place for street sweeping.

I'd appreciate it if you would assign this to staff to review and remedy. Thank you.

Shawn Spencer



August 3<sup>rd</sup> , 2021

Hello & Good Evening Monrovia City Council.

As always, I appreciate the opportunity to reach out and voice my concern over the Chick-fil-a/Starbucks build at the 210 x Huntington.

I know the build is in its final approval process but I would still like to put in my two cents, again. I'm not a big fan and especially not a fan of the Starbucks proposal.

In my comment at the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, I mentioned I would like to see the developer of these establishments donate to the City's tree planting program on a 2 for 1 basis. The rep from Chick-fil-a stated they are planting new trees. Yes they are. They are removing 23 and planting 37. Please consider having them donate to Monrovia's tree planting program on a 2 for every 1 basis (46 trees). I would also like to see the mulch from the removed trees repurposed. I'm happy to hear the Sycamore tree will be allowed to stay and worked around.

Knowing the traffic will be increased during their initial openings, will they be providing traffic control? The Monrovia Police Department is stretched thin as it is and doesn't need to be taxed with traffic control when that could be mitigated by the businesses.

I mentioned in the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting that we have enough Starbucks and I would much prefer an independent coffee shop or some other independent cafe. There are 6 Starbucks stores within approximately 1 mile of this site.

I would like to address the comments made by the Starbucks representative Kerry Helinga at the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. She briefly responded to my comments regarding traffic and too many Starbucks in the area. While she said they understand the desire for more independent, small businesses in the area, she indicated that the stores at Foothill/Madison and Huntington/Magnolia were both replacements for other cafes or another Starbucks; while I understood what she was trying to say, know that the Madison store replaced a burger joint and the Magnolia store replaced a men's suit store. She also indicated that adding this Starbucks is "going to bring an added amenity of having a drive through use which we see as being very important for our customers commuting on the 210 or going to the hospital; amenity for nurses, doctors, patients, anybody who's traveling late night there and wants to drive through and grab a cup of coffee but they **can't do that at this time**". I'd like to point out, that yes, people can do that now. Starbucks at Magnolia/Huntington changed their hours to a 24/7 operation several months ago; and that is only 5 blocks away from this proposed site.

One of my other concerns she addressed is the increase in traffic these stores bring. She pointed out that both the stores mentioned above were "much more successful than initially anticipated...extremely busy and currently working on a plan...to alleviate traffic concerns". This proposed store is going to be just as, if not more, busy than both those stores. This, with the Chick-fil-a traffic, is going to impact local traffic which is already tough if you commute daily through this corridor.

Council, please consider passing on having another Starbucks in our City and encourage an independent business. Keep Monrovia unique and diverse!

Thank you for your time.

Christine G.

**From:** [Brian Tindall](#)  
**To:** [Alice Atkins](#)  
**Cc:** [Becky Shevlin](#); [G Crudgington](#); [Sheri Bermejo](#); [Craig Jimenez](#)  
**Subject:** public comment PH1  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 3, 2021 9:10:51 AM

---

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

I regret that I can not attend the meeting tonight. I wanted to say thank you to the staff, the arborists, city council, and a special thank you to Sheri for all the help. Saving this tree is a small act, but it shows how much the community cares about water conservation, native species, and the aesthetic of our foothill community.

I did have a few points I was hoping for clarification:

Will the whole project be native landscaping or just the Chik fila side?

Will the new landscaping maintain the amount of water the sycamore is use to? Should it be watered up to and during construction?

When will the ground breaking ceremony and demolition take place?

Thank you again to all the staff, council and community members that made this possible.

Brian Tindall  


**From:** [Margaret Hope](#)  
**To:** [Alice Atkins](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Chick fila  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 3, 2021 12:28:37 PM

---

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Margaret Hope <margarethope1000@icloud.com>  
**Date:** August 3, 2021 at 9:28:45 AM PDT  
**To:** Brian Tindall <brian\_tindall@hotmail.com>  
**Subject: Re: Chick fila**

. . .continuation. . . Of course this pushes the entire project 10 feet closer  
To my house ... traffic, waiting lines with spewing exhaust and people...

..the problem lies with the City of Monrovia giving variances and 'passes'  
Which intrude over into private property. . .causing the neighbors to suffer  
Problems in the future. . .and the city managers only response is to "take  
It up with the courts"...pushing the problem into the court system instead of  
Stopping it before it begins. . .and the courts are already over-flooded with  
Problems created by towns like Monrovia.

I'd like to know HOW TO STOP THESE 'passing the buck' nightmares  
Created by city variances given to squeeze unwanted and unneeded  
Building mistakes into every area of this town. . .stop them BEFORE they  
Become a problem for the neighbor incursions. It's a problem... a city  
Council that doesn't care. . .the the stable neighbor who bares the brunt  
Of every bad decision made.

Are the council members stupid to think that each time they give way  
And vote to let a commercial enterprise dig closer into the peace and quiet  
Of someone's home that there won't be SIGNIFICANT HARM DONE TO  
EVERYONE LIVING NEARBY? ? ? ? Why does destroying everything come  
Before sane consideration of what's best for life? ...oh right!...fast, CHEAP  
INCOME, FAST FOOD . WHAT A NIGHTMARE. WHO'S DIRECTING  
THIS  
DESTRUCTION OF HUNTINGTON DRIVE. . . .the realtor mayor! Adams?  
He's all about ugly, exploitation...and damn the consequences?? And  
Why does the CofC even have ANY say in anything? Worthless leeches!

Anyway. . .thanks for the I for. REMINDING YOU IF THE GREAT, GREAT  
URGENCY



TO REMOVE THE CURBING UNDER THE OAK (ALTA) south of the  
OakTreeInn,  
BEFORE THE TREE REACHES RHE DYING TIPPING POINT! I used to drag  
Three hoses doen the streets to keep things alive...now the cretinous neighbors  
Would run me over IF I dared venture off my property.

Thanks,  
Margarethope

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 3, 2021, at 8:56 AM, Brian Tindall  
<brian\_tindall@hotmail.com> wrote:

Hi, I don't know if you read the report, but the sycamore looks like it  
will be saved. They lost 6 parking spaces and were able to scoot the  
project down 10 ft. Demolition within 15 ft of the tree will be done by  
hand, and a fence will be put around the tree during construction.  
They are also changing the landscape at the project to native trees  
(sycamore, crape myrtle)

I am still working on that oak by you.

Brian Tindall  
Brian\_tindall@hotmail.com

---

**From:** Margaret Hope <margarethope1000@icloud.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, July 29, 2021 11:36 AM

**To:** Brian Tindall <brian\_tindall@hotmail.com>

**Subject:** Re: Chick fila

Again, it's DOING SOMETHING. . .GIVING WATER TO THE  
MAGNOLIA...which  
Has had no water since the last rain...  
. . .and. . .REMOVING THE CEMENT CURBING AT THE BASE  
OF THE GIANT OAK.

Sent from my iPad

On Jul 29, 2021, at 10:56 AM, Brian Tindall  
<brian\_tindall@hotmail.com> wrote:

I will reach out and see if they can do an arbor report on it.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 29, 2021, at 10:54 AM, Margaret Hope <margarethope1000@icloud.com> wrote:

Hi Brian ... I'm still calling the city about the dying GIANT OAK TREE ... located on the south Alta Street side of the Oak Tree Inn .. corner of Alta and Encino ... just half a block from the proposed Starbucks site.

This oak has to be 300+ years old. . .was surviving quite well until two Years ago when the city paid street contractors to replace the curb near Its base on Alta. to do that, many established roots were cut and then Lots of cement poured to form a curb. No, the TREE IS ACTIVELY DYING. Looking toward the top from 100 feet away... the top of the tree is DYING... Large swaths at a time.

I have been calling the city for 8 years ... and also about the magnolia tree (On city property) 30 feet directly south of the oak... which the current owners Decided to withhold WATER ... in the summer ... has been actively dying without Water. The fire dept. could open up the hydrant for the magnolia and someone Could pull off the cement off the oak in an ATTEMPT TO KEEP THIS OAK ALIVE.

I've seen a could of city employees drive by in past few years, slowing down in Their city trucks...taking a look up. . .seeing nothing and continue driving.

NO ONE IS REALLY SEEING WHATS  
HAPPENING. I live across the street at  
1201 Encino and can see everything...I'm  
here every day. IF NOTHING IS DINE  
TO STOP THIS. . . IF NO WATER IS  
GIVEN, IF THE CEMENT IS NOT  
REMOVED  
FROM THE BASE OF THE OAK. . .these  
irreplaceable trees will DIE. !!

HOW CAN WE GET THE CITY TO  
RESPOND...? No matter how many years  
I've been bringing attention to this problem  
... NO ONE HEARS AND NO ONE  
IS LISTENING ...Yet Monrovia pretends to  
be all about counting trees and caring.  
They can't even HEAR MY ALARM AND  
OUTCRY. can you help ..or suggest?

Thank you  
Margaret Hope. . 239-6744

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 7, 2021, at 10:34 AM,  
Brian Tindall  
<brian\_tindall@hotmail.com>  
wrote:

Hi, I saw your emails in the  
planning commission report about  
chick fila. I have been working  
with the city for more than 2  
years in regards to trees and  
would love to talk if you were  
interested.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



**From:** [Cindy York Burton](#)  
**To:** [Alice Atkins](#)  
**Subject:** Pam  
**Date:** Monday, August 2, 2021 5:15:58 PM

---

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

A chair plaque for Pam, great idea.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Becky Paige](#)  
**To:** [Alice Atkins](#)  
**Subject:** Plaque for Pam Fitzpatrick  
**Date:** Monday, August 2, 2021 6:17:16 PM

---

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Yes. Yes. Yes.

This is the least this city can do for this wonderful Monrovia and her family.

Thank you  
Becky Paige  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Christine G.](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for 8/3 Pam Fitzpatrick Acknowledgment  
**Date:** Monday, August 2, 2021 9:03:33 PM

---

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

City Council Members.

We all know what an instrumental part Pam Fitzpatrick played for our City, especially Old Town. Please keep her memory alive and consider dedicating her spot, where she sat at every council meeting, with a plaque memorializing all her hard work and accomplishments.

Thank you.

Christine G.

**From:** [shawn .](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Pam Fitzpatrick Memorial Plaque  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 3, 2021 2:20:02 PM

---

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Good evening Mayor Adams, Mayor Pro Tem Crudgington, and Council Members Blackburn, Shevlin & Spicer:

I am addressing council in the hopes that you will review and approve a memorial plaque for Pam Fitzpatrick. As you all know, Pam sat in the same seat at every city council meeting, without fail. The third anniversary of her passing was on July 31st, making this an apropos time to discuss this. Approving a small plaque, to be affixed to "her seat," would be a small, but very special way to memorialize a woman who did so much for our community. While the council has always advocated Monrovia residents to become more involved by attending or watching council meetings, Pam was already exemplifying this behavior. She was instrumental in creating the Old Town that people and small businesses flock to on a regular basis. She was fully committed to growing the Old Town district, while preserving the charm and small town vibe that makes it so special. I understand that there is a general policy that dictates any city facility may be named or renamed after a five year mandatory waiting period following the death of the individual. However, I am requesting a plaque on a chair, not the naming or renaming of a city facility. Guideline #3 states that the City Council shall

have the final authority to designate commemorative street names and plaques, so with that being said, I respectfully ask that you put this memorial token up for a vote this evening. Thank you for your time, your consideration and your vote of support.

Best regards,

Shawn Spencer  
**Owner**

**Girl Friday Solutions**  
517 S. Myrtle Avenue  
Suite 200  
Monrovia, CA 91016

626.390.0313

[www.girlfridaysolutions.net](http://www.girlfridaysolutions.net)

**From:** [Mark Houston](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Pam Fitzpatrick  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 3, 2021 2:25:55 PM

---

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Good Evening Mayor and City Council members,

As a resident of Monrovia, a small business owner in Monrovia and as a Commission Member on our Historic Preservation Commission, I want to add my support to memorializing of Pam Fitzpatrick. She was a very special lady that worked very hard on behalf of all residents and small business owners. Her absence is felt often. Thank you for supporting this small tribute.

--

Best regards,

Mark Houston  
Principal

**Mark Houston Associates, Inc.**  
517 S. Myrtle Ave, Ste 200  
Monrovia, CA 91016  
**O. 626.357.7858 M. 626.824.9444**  
[www.markhoustonassociates.com](http://www.markhoustonassociates.com)

