

From: [Grow Monrovia](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Public comment 9/7
Date: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 1:57:56 PM

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Good evening council,

Starting this Fall, Grow Monrovia is offering free shade trees (including planting) to any resident or commercial property owner along Foothill Blvd who would like to contribute to a more walkable and environmentally conscious city.

Foothill Blvd is an important walkway and thoroughfare for the City. Grow Monrovia will plant shade trees along Foothill Blvd to counter increasing temperatures, improve the air quality, increase business viability and create more walkable spaces for residents. Trees provide enormous value to us and to our environment that more than justify the small investment of planting, watering, and tree pruning. Trees reduce energy consumption, decrease traffic speed & noise pollution, provide habitat for local wildlife, conserve storm water runoff, intercept air pollutants and improve water quality. Planting more trees will add to the preservation of our city's character and charm.

While Grow Monrovia will cover the costs for trees planted on private properties along Foothill Blvd, we are requesting that the City of Monrovia cover costs for trees planted in existing public parkways. Where there are no existing parkways but sidewalk space is over 9 feet wide, we would like the City of Monrovia to make 4'x 4' cutouts in the walkway to create plantable spaces for trees. The potential costs are as follows;

-Total Trees (24" box) 183 (\$350) = \$64050

-Total Tree Wells 115 (\$420) = \$48300

-Costs for a project manager/certified arborist to oversee the project-
Costs for a project manager/certified arborist to oversee the project

We are requesting that this item be added to the September 21,
2021 agenda.

This is what you will be supporting - A more walkable Monrovia for residents, Shade for our elderly and children walking to and from school, a healthier community, cleaner water, Decreasing our energy consumption, protecting residents from air pollutants from vehicles and future fires, a greener more environmentally conscious Monrovia

Thank you for your support

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Grow Monrovia

Monrovia, California

"Grow Food, Grow Habitat, Grow Community"

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From: [Steve Thomas-Patel](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Tree planting on Foothill Blvd
Date: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 3:05:26 PM

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Hello,

As a resident of Monrovia, I wanted to state my support for the planting of trees along Foothill Blvd. Urbanization mixed with global warming have created a situation where heat radiates all day from our roads and buildings. For much of the year it makes our roads and sidewalks unpleasant to walk or bike on. This is such an unfortunate problem that is easily solved by adding in trees. Trees cost very little for the benefits they provide, including increasing home value.

Steve Thomas-Patel

From: [Jeanne Roy](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: AR-1 Vote of "No confidence" in District Attorney George Gascon
Date: Monday, September 6, 2021 3:31:02 PM

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City Council,

My 99 year old mother (who will be 100 on September 13th) lives in Monrovia. She lives independently and used to regularly leave her home for business and social purposes. She is now afraid to leave her home; not because of the coronavirus, but for fear of becoming a crime victim. She knows that Gascon has no interest in prosecuting quality of life crimes and is more concerned with criminals than victims. Having been a prosecutor for over 30 years, I can only agree with her. Gascon claims that incarceration does not decrease recidivism but neither does "catch and release". Gascon also claims that victims want rehabilitation in lieu of incarceration. I have never met a victim, other than one related to the defendant, who did not want the perpetrator punished. Usually, they wanted much more punishment than was available. The responsibility of the district attorney is to enforce the laws, not to pick and choose which laws to enforce. If you care about the safety of Monrovia citizens, show them by discussing this matter and then let them know that you, along with many other cities, care about them more than "politics". Please enter a vote of "no confidence". Send the message!!

Thank you

Jeanne Roy, daughter of Florence Roy

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From: [Erin Thorn](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: No Confidence Motion for LA DA
Date: Monday, September 6, 2021 7:40:20 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

In regards to the motion of a no confidence vote for District Attorney George Gascon on the agenda for the 9/7/21 meeting, I would ask that you support this motion by voting yes. Since being elected, Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon has abandoned crime victims and their families. Gascon has disregarded the rule of law and weakened lawful sentencing requirements for the most violent criminals, including murderers, armed robbers and rapists. George Gascon's new policies treat career and repeat violent offenders as if they had never committed a crime, ignoring public safety laws approved by the people. Gascon has even reduced sentences on hate crimes, gun crimes, and gang crimes.

Mr. Gascon's new policies include:

DDA's can't go to parole hearings

No Life Without Parole

No gun use allegation

\$0 bail for Child Abuse and Domestic Violence

No enhancements

Considers releasing all criminals after serving only 15 years (even for the most heinous murders)

No strikes

All policies and directives are retroactive

Never files misdemeanor criminal threats, disturbing the peace, trespass, or resisting arrest

Does not follow Marsy's Law and does not notify victims before court hearings

No gang allegation

No death penalty for any defendant regardless of the heinous circumstances of the crime.

Mr. Gascon was elected to work for the people of Los Angeles County. Instead he disregards the rights of victims in favor of those who have perpetrated crimes against them. Many other cities across Los Angeles County have already passed a vote of no confidence in Mr Gascon. Like these other cities, Monrovia needs to send the message to the Los Angeles District Attorney that he works for us, and must respect our wishes and the laws that exist in this county.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Mrs Erin Thorn

From: [Emma Rivas](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 10:37:30 AM

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Please consider your city to vote no confidence George gascon who is not adding special enhancement directives to prosecute criminal to the full extent of the law. Join the other 28 cities and counting protect your City

From: [Robert Hansen](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Vote of no Confidence
Date: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 11:10:46 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

We are proud to live in Monrovia, we are proud that as our elected officials you have decided to undertake the possibilities of a No Confidence Vote as it relates to District Attorney George Gascon.

Therefore we want you to know how we feel, my wife and I. We believe this man should be recalled, he has flaunted his disdain for the law, and has and continues to cause irreparable injury to this community as well as others.

Our Community, is at the forefront of this decision right now.

Eli and I ask you to not only Vote no confidence, but show your support by signing publicly the recall petition, we will continue to support you, if you do.

Robert and Eli Hansen

From: [imelda hernandez](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: NO CONFIDENCE VOTE ON GEORGE GASCON
Date: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 11:13:55 AM

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Dear Mayor, council members,

My name is Imelda Hernandez, I am writing to support the great city of Monrovia on holding a No-Vote of Confidence on District Attorney George Gascon.

He is a health hazard to your community and the county of Los Angeles.

For my family he has continued to inflict pain on us. My son Christian Silva was murdered last in year in February in Artesia. Gascon has continued to try to remove my the special circumstances and gun allegations from his case. I can tell you first hand Gascon does not care about victims, co victims nor families. He only cares about the murderers and his politics that he promotes. He must follow the law and his directives are unconstitutional in this great state of California. He does not show his face, he does not attend pro support victims families rally's, he calls parents of murdered children stupid and ignorant he doesn't even know his own district attorneys. Gascon is a undercover public defender. Murdered victims, children, rape has no color and no politics. He is horrible for your citizens when it comes to public safety and thousands of families of murdered children. I urge you to vote a yes on a no confidence vote of George Gascon! My family is Latino, mostly Democrat, middle class and we all vote a no confidence along with so many other political backgrounds because he is a disease to Los Angeles County! Thank you.

Imelda Hernandez
"Forever Christian's Mom"
951-232-5633

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Barbara n Joe Jackson](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: VOTE NO CONFIDENCE in George Gascon!
Date: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 12:15:33 PM

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I'm one of many very concerned citizens who strongly disagree with the detrimental policies George Gascon has instituted since becoming LA County District Attorney. I am a life-long citizen of Los Angeles County, and I've never been in fear of crime affecting my family until George Gascon took office. I'm asking you to place a "NO CONFIDENCE" vote on Mr. Gascon.

Within minutes of being sworn in, Mr. Gascon made drastic changes that he did not disclose when campaigning that are letting violent and dangerous criminals back out onto our streets! In addition, Gascon filed briefs in appellate court supporting violent criminal defendants. His policies are reducing the ability of his prosecutors throughout Los Angeles County to keep our streets safe for its citizens. **George Gascon fooled the voters of LA County and must be removed from office.**

There are rallies being held throughout the Southland of the families who have lost loved ones to violent crime. Not only those who are those awaiting trial or sentencing for violent crime face now much reduced sentences, those convicted felons who are currently in prison are being released and are returning to the streets.

Please stand with those of us of all different races, genders, ages and political parties who just want to keep LA County safe. Please stand with the various law enforcement officers who work so hard to protect its citizens. Please stand with those who are the victims of violent crime and their families by placing **a VOTE of NO CONFIDENCE in GEORGE GASCON.**

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Jackson

From: [Sr Manager](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Vote NO CONFIDENCE Gascon
Date: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 12:36:16 PM

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Keep Monrovia safe for everyone. VOTE NO CONFIDENCE.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Neil Castelli](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Public Comment CC meeting 9-7-21 RE: Gascon vote of no confidence
Date: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 1:33:00 PM

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I am a resident of Monrovia, and have been so for almost 18 years. I love this city and the police department that protects us.

This public comment is to ask the Monrovia City Council to Vote a "No Confidence" vote as it pertains to Los Angeles County DA George Gascon.

In George Gascon's new directive titles "Directive SD 20-07 which George Gascon put into effect on Dec 7, 2020. This directive essentially de-criminalizes many of the quality of life issues that effect us on a daily basis. It hampers law enforcement's ability to address the crime and ensure it does not continue. I have copied a portion of the directive below for city council reference. Please have them read into public record during the public comment thanks. This directive can be found on line to verify its authenticity.

I. DECLINATION POLICY DIRECTIVE

The misdemeanor charges specified below shall be declined or dismissed before arraignment and without conditions unless "exceptions" or "factors for consideration" exist

Trespass – Penal Code § 602(a)-(y)

a. Exceptions or Factors For Consideration

- i. Repeat trespass offenses on the same public or private property over the preceding 24 months
- ii. Verifiable, imminent safety risk
- iii. No indicia of substance use disorder and/or mental illness, or homelessness

Disturbing The Peace – Penal Code § 415(1)-(3)

a. Exceptions or Factors For Consideration

- i. Repeat offenses over the preceding 24 months involving substantially similar behavior to that charged
- ii. No indicia of substance use disorder and/or mental illness

Driving Without A Valid License – Vehicle Code § 12500(a)-(e)

a. Exceptions or Factors For Consideration

- i. Repeat driving offenses over the preceding 24 months involving substantially similar behavior to that charged

Driving On A Suspended License – Vehicle Code § 14601.1(a)

a. Exceptions or Factors For Consideration

- i. Repeat driving offenses over the preceding 24 months involving substantially similar behavior to that charged

Criminal Threats – Penal Code § 422

a. Exceptions or Factors For Consideration

- i. Offense related to domestic violence or hate crime
- ii. Repeat threat offenses over the preceding 24 months
- iii. Documented history of threats towards victim
- iv. Possession of a weapon capable of causing bodily injury or death during commission of offense
- v. No indicia of substance use disorder and/or mental illness

Drug & Paraphernalia Possession – Health & Safety Code §§ 11350, 11357, 11364, & 11377

a. Exceptions or Factors For Consideration

- i. None identified

Minor in Possession of Alcohol – Business & Professions § 25662(a)

b. Exceptions or Factors For Consideration

- i. None identified

Drinking in Public – Los Angeles County Municipal Code §13.18.010

c. Exceptions or Factors For Consideration

- i. None identified

Under the Influence of Controlled Substance – Health & Safety Code § 11550

a. Exceptions or Factors For Consideration

- i. None identified

Public Intoxication – Penal Code § 647(f)

a. Exceptions or Factors For Consideration

- i. None identified

Loitering – Penal Code § 647(b),(c), (d), (e)

a. Exceptions or Factors For Consideration

- i. Repeat offenses over the preceding 24 months involving substantially similar behavior to that charged

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Loitering To Commit Prostitution – Penal Code § 653.22(a)(1)

a. Exceptions or Factors For Consideration

i. None identified

Resisting Arrest – Penal Code § 148(a)

a. Exceptions or Factors For Consideration

i. Repeat offenses over the preceding 24 months involving substantially similar behavior to that charged

ii. The actual use of physical force against a peace officer

iii. The charge is filed in connection with another offense not enumerated above

Neil Castelli

From: [phil cannon](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Public input to be read into the record opposing AR-1 Resolution 2021-51. 9/7/21.
Date: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 1:56:14 PM

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George Gascon won the election and began implementing his policies. Promises made, promises kept. Concurrently, the losers of that election began circulating a recall petition. This "no confidence" resolution is a tacit endorsement of their signature gathering goals. The identity of the losers is as follows:

The prosecutor's union sent a representative to City Hall to bad mouth Propositions 47 and 57 on behalf of the Keep California Safe Act. They lost by a landslide. They still want to increase incarceration and take DNA from shoplifters. George Gascon doesn't and won't. Now they are telling gullible people what to think about him.

The Police Protective League is irked because George Gascon appointed a Civilian Oversight Commission on Police Misconduct. They want to avoid accountability. These police and prosecutor unions contributed millions to the campaign of George Gascon's opponent. They lost.

The top three individual funders of the recall are Palmer, Groff, and Day. Trump mega-donors of millions to the disgraced ex-president. He lost, but refused to concede. Their party is desperate to take power from Democrats like George Gascon and Gavin Newsom.

The top three high-profile official supporters of the recall are Villanueva, Antonovich, and Cooley; a rogue sheriff and two retired Republicans. George Gascon's high-profile supporters include Vice President Harris and Monrovia's Congressional representatives Napolitano and Chu. Their endorsements are posted at Stand With Gascon Dot Com.

I know which side of this stark divide I stand on. Reckon I will recommend the Council and Community reject repugnant reactionary Republican recalls and resolutions.

From: [Karen Roseberry](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Public Comments - AR-1 Vote of "No Confidence" in Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón, Resolution No. 2021-51
Date: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 2:22:20 PM
Attachments: [Letter to Monrovia City Coucil.docx](#)

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Hello,

Please find below and attached a public comment related to the agenda item AR-1 Vote of "No Confidence" in Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón, Resolution No. 2021-51 for tonight's city council meeting. If any additional information should be needed, please just let me know. Thank you so very much!

All the best!
Karen Roseberry

To the Honorable Members of the Monrovia City Council:

Thank you so much for taking up for Council consideration, the agenda item AR 1 Resolution No. 2021-51 vote of No-Confidence in Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón. While this is largely a symbolic vote being considered, the symbol that it represents is a step of protection for a system of government that holds elected officials accountable.

Much talk is often given about Gascón having been elected. In that discussion it is imperative to identify that for which he was elected. He was elected to the office of District Attorney to prosecute offenders of crime. While he does have discretion over which cases will face prosecution, that is supposed to be based upon the evidence brought forth in each particular case. His discretion does not extend to a refusal of blanket unwillingness to prosecute any number of crimes found in the penal code – including resisting arrest, prostitution, and trespassing. These laws have been passed to protect law-abiding citizens and ensure a quality of life that all Angelenos should be able to enjoy.

Nor does his authority give him the right to disregard the will of the voters. Particularly concerning is the fact that in the very same election in which he was elected, Californians and Angelenos voted to reinstate cash bail in proposition 25. In Los Angeles this vote was nearly 2% points higher than Gascón's own election, yet this vote expressing the will of the voters has also been ignored by Gascón.

The directives issued by Gascón unilaterally and summarily dismiss prosecution of any number of crimes that the legislature and the voters have enacted, and such is a grave abuse of power. As such, it is essential that other elected officials serve as check and a balance upon this abuse. Gascón was elected to office to enforce the law, not to change the law and selectively determine which laws are to be enforced. If he believes the law needs to be changed then he needs to become legislator, but as a District Attorney his job is to ensure equitable enforcement of the law as written.

As city council members you have been elected, and are committed to the Mission Statement, "to create a community that offers a premier quality of life." The policies of George Gascón undermine this objective and warrant a vote of "No-Confidence."

Gascón's directives on sentencing to consistently seek the most minimum of sentences, particularly in refusing to oppose parole in any cases, or even send Deputy District Attorneys to the parole hearings, do not reflect an understanding of justice that the special circumstances of certain heinous and egregious offenses warrant sentences appropriate to that crime. Furthermore, these actions embolden a criminal element that do not preserve, nor protect residents and visitors in Monrovia, and in no way enhance the quality of life for those in the community.

These actions that Gascón is undertaking have nothing to do with the reforms his supporters claim was the platform on which he ran and was elected. Nor is this a partisan issue. For any reform of the justice system to be successful it must be firmly grounded in a respect and regard for the rule of law. It cannot simultaneously erode that system of order and governance that keeps us from falling into lawlessness and anarchy or oppressive overreach of power by out-control officials.

Residents of the Monrovia and the County of Los Angeles are counting on you to uphold these most cherished values and to stand up for the protection of rule of law, for the protection of justice, and especially for the protection of victims whose cases have been dismissed and tossed aside in favor of the protection criminals. Please help us to send a powerful message that this is not what a District Attorney is supposed to do and please vote "No-Confidence" in George Gascón and his perilous policies.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Roseberry
Concerned Citizen of Los Angeles County

City Council Speech

Mayor, city council members, thank you for having me. My name is Thea Eskey and I am an investigative reporter currently working on a series of articles about child abuse in Los Angeles. As a journalist, I have an ethical obligation to pursue the truth. It is that duty that compels me to make a statement here tonight.

I don't live here in Monrovia, I live in Hollywood, which is 26 miles away, but I firmly believe that what affects one of us affects all of us. Indeed, the vote of no confidence that you have before you really asks a simple question of all of us: what kind of county do we want to live in?

As I mentioned, I have an ethical responsibility to report the truth. The fact is that Los Angeles is in the midst of a child abuse crisis. An audit of the Los Angeles County DCFS showed that from 2013 to 2018, 257 children died from abuse, 69 of whom had type of DCFS supervision in their homes. Also, as a state we spend 12.5 billion annually to combat child abuse. While it may seem like a tangent to bring this up, it is vital important to understand because while CPS and the social safety net continues to fail vulnerable and abused children it falls more and more on the criminal justice system to pick up the slack. Now, it seems that not even that system can withstand the attacks made by groups of individuals who seek to undermine public safety, justice and accountability for their own ends.

Quite simply council members, George Gascon represents an existential threat to public safety in our county and I use those words intentionally. The speakers who came before me have eloquently shown their proof of that. I want to add to that chorus.

Linking social capital, or how citizens relate to and trust the ones who govern them, is being eroded daily by the unethical and pro-criminal agenda undertaken by this District Attorney and his administration. His actions during his brief tenure demonstrate a clear abrogation of victims rights in favor of those of the criminal defendant. In researching and listening to victims of crime in Los Angeles, I cannot begin to tell you how many of them feel left behind, alienated from a system that they once found refuge in after facing grave injustice. The way they are feeling should worry all of us. If victims of crime, survivors of crime and their families do not feel that they can trust the criminal justice system to fight to make them whole, I fear for the path that leads our county down.

For that reason alone, although you will read and hear many other equally compelling ones tonight, I strongly urge this council to vote no confidence in George Gascon. Thank you.

From: [Raquel Delgado](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Vote of No Confidence
Date: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 3:00:40 PM

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Hello,

My name is Racquel Delgado and I am a resident of LA County. I am writing to implore the city council to PLEASE vote no confidence in the current district attorney.

This man is conducting a science experiment on the citizens of this county in the name of fame. Our cities are beyond unsafe and law abiding citizens are being victimized and it will get worse. Crooks KNOW there is no accountability and have created havoc on our communities. Having had two family members killed in LA County I can tell you that victims SHOULD have rights! GasCON is pro-criminal and anti victim. furthermore, he has thumbed his nose at those who support Marcy's Law.

I beg of you to join the other cities in a vote of no confidence and I beg you all to sign the recall petition.

Sincerely,

Racquel S. Delgado