

Alice Atkins

From: Leigh Adams [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:47 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: 9/21 Public Comment

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Hello City Council folk,

I'm writing to show my support for the proposal to plant trees along Foothill Blvd. Why am I a supporter of planting trees?

Because it cools and beautifies the environment to start with. And because it's hot as hell out there!

Pardon my language but if you were to walk a few blocks on a summer day, let alone wait for a bus that might be on time...or not, your choice of words might be a bit salty too!

NOAA has just announced that this summer is the hottest on record GLOBALLY. That is only going to get worse, not better.

We need more trees and we need them now.....on Foothill Blvd and throughout the city. I hope I can count on you to approve the tree initiative and bring a bit of relief and comfort to our streets.

Thank you, Leigh Adams

We have probed the earth, excavated it, burned it, ripped things from it, buried things in it, chopped down its forests, leveled its hills, muddied its waters, and dirtied its air. That does not fit my definition of a good tenant. If we were here on a month-to-month basis, we would have been evicted long ago. -Rose Bird, Chief Justice of California Supreme Court (2 Nov 1936-1999)

Leigh Adams



<http://arboretum.org>

<https://metabolicstudio.org>

<http://studio-petrichor.com>

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From: Carmen Martinez [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 12:11 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: 9/21 Public Comment

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Dear Mayor, Councilmembers, et al:

There are lots of studies, including this one from USC, that shows the benefits of planting urban trees: more shade, less heat and better air quality. Our city has an amazing opportunity to plant trees along Foothill, the only other such area we currently have is Mayflower below Duarte. The best time to plant trees is 20 years ago, the next best time is now.

<https://news.usc.edu/185299/usc-urban-tree-initiative-shade-heat-waves-los-angeles-eastside/>

Thank you for your consideration on this initiative.



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From: Robert Costanza [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 5:35 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Trees of Foothill

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As part of the JPL community, and a scientist, I value the richness trees bring to our neighborhoods. As I return to Monrovia after work it's treeless nature has started wearing on my sensibilities. The people of this community are vibrant, I realize this over the years as I got to know more people. Also our foothills and mountains are awash in life. I feel our streets should reflect this richness and beauty. Driving down foothill I feel like I am back in my cubicle. I want to feel alive with the life I am surrounded by when navigating around Monrovia. Please please pass the foothill tree initiative

Sincerely,

Robert Costanza

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From: karen & abhi jain [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 11, 2021 6:01 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: 9/21 Public Comment

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Dear Madam/Sir,

I am writing in support of the initiative by Grow Monrovia to plant shade trees along Foothill Boulevard. They will be a low cost investment in the attractiveness of our city to visitors and businesses, and in the cooling of our environment.

I ask the City Council to support this initiative.

Thank you,
Karen Jain
247 Highland Place
Monrovia

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Alice Atkins

From: Tanya Buckman [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 10:39 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: 9/21 public comment

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Hello this message is regarding the trees. I would like to support the trees on Foothill initiative. I cant really imagine a scenario where this would not be a good thing. Everytime I drive through streets or cities with lots of trees it always feels like old money. San Marino, Pasadena , Claremont, Euclid st in Upland, and LaVerne just to name a few in the area. I understand that these things aren't free but trees are priceless for the environment, for the wildlife, for the oxygen, for the people walking and for the attraction value of the city. I am asking that you would please approve the trees on Foothill initiative it's a long term win for all

Tanya Buckman

From: [Donna Falls](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Tree planting on foothill
Date: Monday, September 20, 2021 1:44:43 PM

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I want to voice my support of the initiative being put before the city council tomorrow night regarding the planting of trees on foothill Blvd. I can't think of anything that would enhance the beauty our city more than the softening and cooling of all that concrete.

We have done such a good job of enhancing the environment let's keep up the good work.

Thank you

Donna Falls

Home owner

From: [Raquel Falco](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: 9/21 Public Comment
Date: Monday, September 20, 2021 2:54:27 PM

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Dear Monrovia Leaders,

As we face rising temperatures, please consider supporting the installation of trees along Foothill. Primarily to help people whose primary mode of transportation is bus and walking. They face long walks under the beating sun after long days of work.

I believe the main concern of the opposition is the cost of maintaining such trees. These organisms are largely misunderstood as costly, but in reality the benefits outweigh the risks and costs of maintenance. With a team of tree ambassadors, the costs of maintenance would be very minimal with training by dedicated arborists. It would build community and improve the City's aesthetics and reputation. Please walk the streets during summer to better understand the need for shade. I'm here to help in any way I can!

-Raquel Falco

From: [Gmail](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: 9/21 public comment in support of planting shade trees on Foothill Blvd
Date: Monday, September 20, 2021 2:58:10 PM

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City Council,

I support having shade trees planted on Foothill Blvd. This will shade the sidewalks and street allowing me to walk my dog, walk with my young daughter to get ice cream, or walk to get groceries. These are just some examples. My family and I try to be as active as possible.. but having very little to no shade makes it extremely difficult. We cannot walk our dog because his feet burn on the unshaded ground. And if we do take him out briefly there are no shade trees to give his feet a break from the sun and burning concrete.

I want to show my daughter to walk places instead of always using a car as its healthier and better for the environment at the same time. We both get severely overheated and burned even with hats and sunscreen any time we try to take a walk. Sadly we cannot do this due to having no shade and the sun exposure.

The trees that would be planted would actually produce shade. These trees are so needed in our town, especially on Foothill Blvd. We have so few it's truly sad. I feel the trees we have on Foothill now are really decorative. It is so hot here and its not going to cool down in the future. We need this, please support this initiative.

Sincerely,
Natalie

(A community member for over 16 years, Monrovia business owner, born and raised right next door.. less than 2 miles away)

*please excuse any typos

Sent from my iPhone

From: [john latsko](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Date: Monday, September 20, 2021 4:23:08 PM

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Support the tree planting initiative - sponsored by Grow Monrovia.
It's sad and embarrassing that Monrovia's actual tree cover is less than that, on average, across LA. A foothill city of value needs to boast about its trees.
Get with it!
We all agree

John Latsko
Interpretive Horticulturist
LA Arboretum.

And friend of Monrovia Canyon Park

From: [Natalie Delgado](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: 9/21 Public Comment
Date: Monday, September 20, 2021 9:38:36 PM

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Hi,

I would like to see more trees on Foothill Blvd to provide us with more shade in the city. Summers are getting hotter and it's getting harder to tolerate the heat within the city.

I am a part of Grow Monrovia, a local non profit that has worked to plant native plants and trees within our area. This is so important as climate change continues to increase and affect us.

I urge City Council to support the initiative of more shade trees on Foothill Blvd.

Thank you!

Best,
Natalie Delgado

From: [Jessica Pony](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Public Comment
Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 8:00:49 AM

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Good evening council,

With the recent passing of SB-9 and SB-10 and with 6 major developments in the pipelines, when is Monrovia going to come up with an effective environmental plan? We need to build up our green areas as fast as we are allowing these developments to be built. The best way to counter the environmental impact of these multi level structures is to plant trees. I fully support and encourage the council to support the planting of shade trees along Foothill Blvd.

Jessica M.

From: [Kai Karlsson](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: 9/21 public comments
Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 8:28:33 AM

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Please work with Grow Monrovia on planting trees along Foothill Blvd. This will greatly impact our environmental issues. It will also provide beauty, shade and a place for our small wildlife.
Thanks for your consideration.

Gina and Kai Karlsson
Monrovia Residents

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Tina Chavez](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: I support the Grow Monrovia Foothill Tree Planting Initiative
Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 9:47:56 AM

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Dear Clerk,

I'm writing to express my support for the Grow Monrovia Foothill Tree Planting Initiative. The addition of trees in this manner is not only good for the air quality, but they also provided needed shade during these soaring temperatures. Plus, healthy trees show that we care for our city and they are a welcoming sight to visitors.

Tina Chavez

From: [Marcel Kortylewski](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Public Comment for September 21, 2021 council meeting
Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 10:51:17 AM

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My name is Marcel Kortylewski, a junior student at Monrovia High School. I support planting trees along Foothill Blvd because trees allow for shade and comfort while walking, as well as the feeling of life through the greenery that would be introduced to the community.

From: [mike wallich](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: "9/21 public comment
Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 12:00:22 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is in support of the initiative to plant trees along Foothill Blvd. in Monrovia. I would like to support the efforts by Grow Monrovia and their push to help revitalize Foothill blvd. by their planting of trees. These trees will provide much needed shade, oxygen, cleaner air, higher property values, cooler temperatures, and a more welcome environment for residents and shoppers alike. While my opinion may be biased as I am a Certified Arborist, I can personally attest to the benefits that trees can bring to a community. Having been employed in communities that heralded and embraced trees like Azusa, Glendora, Claremont, and West Covina for the last 40 years, I observed first-hand how communities and their leaders rally around trees and see them as benefits and not as a detriment or liability. I humbly request that Monrovia move forward with adding trees to Foothill blvd. and approve this initiative! Grow Monrovia's efforts to provide a more eco-friendly and cooler environment for the citizens and shop owners of Monrovia will benefit the City for years to come!

Sincerely,

Michael Wallich

ISA Western Chapter Arborist #0919 AM

ISA Certified Tree Risk Assessor #1838

ASCA Consulting Arborist #609

From: [Nina Curone](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Trees for Monrovia
Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 12:59:13 PM

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I am in favor of planting trees along Foothill Blvd. Trees create a beautiful environment for any city. Trees increase property value as they are appreciated by most people. When people chose to park, they prefer the shade of a tree over parking in the hot sun. People prefer to walk under the shade of tree. Trees encourage wildlife like birds and squirrels, creating a more homey feel to a neighborhood. For the most important reason, trees cool our earth. Global warming is a dangerous trend. We need to do anything we can to mitigate global climate change. Trees provide shade while processing the carbon dioxide that creates global warming. We need more trees. Planting trees along Foothill Blvd. in Monrovia is the right step in the right direction to increase the curb appeal of our community while helping in the fight against global warming.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Nina Curone
Monrovia resident for 29 years

From: [Grow Monrovia](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Public comment 9/21
Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 1:23:39 PM

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Good evening City Leadership,

As you may know, Grow Monrovia is running an initiative starting in October where we are supplying and planting shade trees for residential and commercial property owners along Foothill Blvd. We are looking for the City of Monrovia to support this important community service by approving and covering the costs for trees planted in city owned parkways along Foothill Blvd in Phase I of our project. This would be 48 trees planted in already established empty parkways on the west end of Foothill Blvd. This project will help shade one of our busiest streets, help intercept pollutants (ie- from car emissions, smoke, etc.), reduce energy consumption, decrease traffic speed & noise pollution, provide habitat for local wildlife, conserve storm water runoff, and improve water quality. We are asking our City Council to support this initiative by adding it to the next council agenda.

Here are some comments from residents who support planting shade trees along Foothill Blvd;

"The majority of Foothill is a baking treeless desert. It is not a pleasant place to walk. Adding shade trees will not only beautify and benefit our community, it will assist in the fight against global warming." - [Emma Humphrey](#)

"Trees make our city more liveable, beautiful, and healthy!"- [Tim AantGoor](#)

"Monrovia is such a beautiful community with many green spaces and trees. Let's let Foothill Blvd reflect that beauty by lining it with sustainable trees."- [Randa Wahbe](#)

"I live on Foothill and agree with this" - [Melissa Schoonmaker](#)

"I am very strongly in support of getting as many trees planted and maintained as possible - trees are so very very important for shade and temperature reduction, removing pollutants from the air we breathe and the overall attractiveness of our city!!!" - [Gale Baker](#)

"I like walking the city, but it is true that there is not enough shade, especially in Foothill. This will help in so many ways (temperature, air quality, ecosystems, beautification). I agree on using measure K funds to support the costs for this project."
- [MARU GARCIA](#)

"I appreciate that during these trying times money is spread thin. An investment in drought tolerant, native shade trees is a great investment in our future by mitigating the heat island effect, helping to reduce air pollution, and maintaining the native fauna

reliant on trees. I believe this is a worthwhile use of our measure K funds."- S. Lockerbie

"I've lived in Monrovia most of my life, and I support adding more trees to Foothill! Right now it is baking hot and exposed - we have lovely shady trees in other parts of the city and more are needed on Foothill." - Julia Morse

Thank you for your time and support,

Grow Monrovia, local resident run non-profit organization

From: [Puja Thomas-Patel](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Planting trees along Foothill
Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 2:43:30 PM

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Hello,

As a resident of Monrovia, I wanted to state my full support for the planting of trees along Foothill Blvd. Urbanization has 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.

Best,
Puja Thomas-Patel

From: [Steve Thomas-Patel](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Tree planting on foothill
Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 2:37:17 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: [Michele Brooke](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: public comment for 9/21
Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 1:47:30 PM

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Good evening Monrovia,

My name is Michele Brooke. I live and have my business in the City of Monrovia. I live a couple of blocks North of Foothill Blvd. Fortunately, I live on a street lined with trees. Because of this, my street has become a popular walking path which I love because I get to meet many of my neighbors. One of the most common conversations I have with passerbys is that many other streets, especially Foothill Blvd are too hot with little shade to be able to take their daily strolls. I support planting shade trees along all of our main streets, especially Foothill Blvd. The grocery store is less than half a mile from my home. I would love to walk to the grocery store but without trees to block the heat of our high temperatures, that is not possible for me unless I do so in the evening in the dark. Please support a greener Monrovia, please support more shade trees to keep our city beautiful and to cool down our temperatures.

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Best Regards,
Michele
Grow Food, Grow Habitat, Grow Community

From: [Brian Yamaguchi](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Brian Yamaguchi](#)
Subject: Public Comment - Monrovia City Council Meeting 9/21/2021
Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 11:03:02 AM

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Dear Councilmembers,

Attached is a map of current cellular towers from the 3 major carriers gleaned from [cellmappers.net](#). Please note a lack of towers north of Foothill Boulevard. In 2011, the Monrovia City Council passed an ordinance that split the city into "preferred" and "discouraged" zones designed to keep cell antennas inside commercial and manufacturing areas and out of residential areas. Unfortunately, this coincided with the national build out of 4G LTE infrastructure. The result of discouraging towers when the carriers were rapidly expanding services is that now most of the Monrovia foothills have far less than modern and optimal cellular services from all carriers.

The foothills are the most vulnerable to mudslides and wildfires. Several recent extended Edison power outages have left foothill residents with no Frontier, Spectrum nor Giggle internet service. This left these citizens with only their cellular devices for internet services. Poor cellular voice and data services expose a major safety gap in case of emergencies as well as every day quality of life frustrations. In the last fifteen years, cell phones have moved from being novelties to being necessities of modern life.

During the Bobcat Fire, anecdotal reports during conversations with other residents had many people not receiving critical text alerts like those from Los Angeles County and Nixle. Recurring social media posts on platforms like Nextdoor and Facebook demonstrate an ongoing issue.

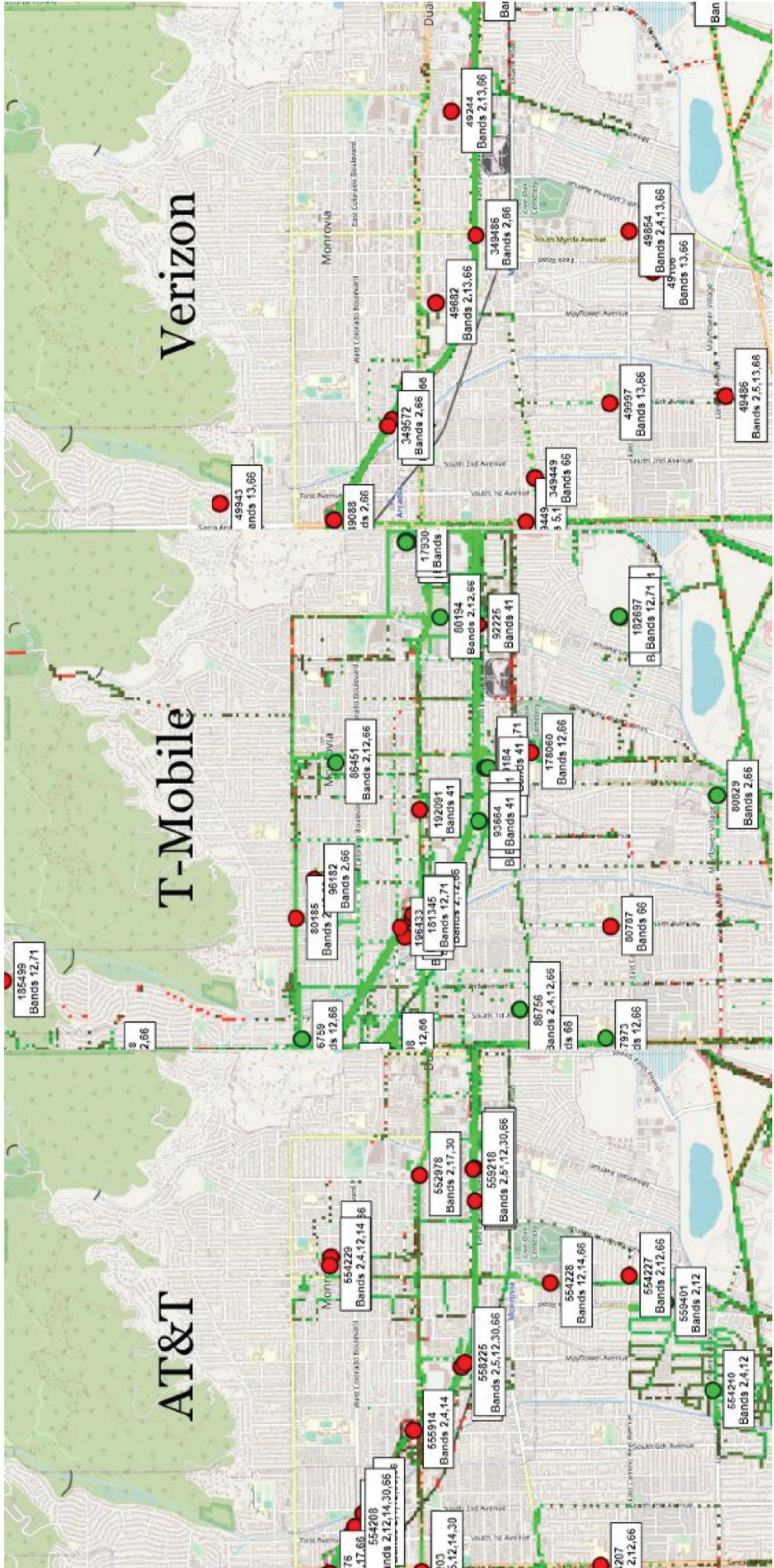
As carriers are building out their new 5G networks, they will be needing to install significantly more antennas because while 5G has much more speed, the shorter wavelength of the signal translates to a much, much shorter transmission range. My industry contacts tell me there will be close to 200 5G antennas for every current 4G one. Additionally, they will need to be placed every 500-1000 feet.

Fortunately the 5G antennas are much smaller and far less ugly than the massive ones for 4G. The ones that I have seen in Los Angeles are smaller than most transformers on utility poles. They can also be integrated into light poles as shown in the 2nd attachment of a Verizon installation.

I managed the group responsible for expanding the cellular coverage and capacity for the University of Southern California campuses and the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. My firsthand experience is that with limited build budgets, the carriers will always spend first where there are fewer obstacles, regulations and "discouraged" zones. That has certainly been the case with the inconsistent cellular void created in North Monrovia since 2011.

It is my recommendation that the 2011 ordinance be modified or repealed and the carriers directly notified. This will allow our city and its regulations to keep pace with current technology; to increase cellular coverage and capacity in all parts of the city; to improve safety and emergency preparedness; and to strongly encourage AT&T, Verizon and T-Mobile to spend more of their limited 5G build out budgets in Monrovia.

Sincerely,
Brian Yamaguchi



From: [phil cannon](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Public Input to be read Sept. 21, 2021. Subject: recalls
Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 1:58:37 PM

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At the last Council meeting public input submitted via email was muzzled when the Mayor said to the Clerk QUOTE You have received quite a few letters and there are so many I don't think we need to read them UNQUOTE. It was only reported that eleven letters favored the agenda and one opposed it. Here is a revised and updated account of what that lone dissident wrote:

George Gascon won the election and began implementing his policies. Promises made, promises kept. Concurrently the losers began circulating a recall petition. "No confidence" resolutions are a tacit endorsement of their signature gathering goals. The losers promoting the recall are as follows:

The prosecutor's union once sent a representative to city hall to bad mouth propositions 47 and 57 on behalf of the Keep California Safe Act. They lost but still want to increase incarceration and take DNA from shoplifters. George Gascon doesn't and won't. The Police Protective League is irked because George Gascon appointed a Civilian Oversight Commission on Police Misconduct. They want to avoid accountability. Police and prosecutor unions donated millions to the losing campaign of George Gascon's opponent.

The top three individual funders of the recall are Palmer, Groff, and Day. Trump mega-donors who contributed millions to the disgraced former president. He does not admit that he lost. His party is desperate to take power from George Gascon and Gavin Newsom.

The top three public figures supporting the recall are Villanueva, Antonovich and Cooley. A rogue sheriff and two retired Republicans. George Gascon's supporters include Vice President Harris and Monrovia's Congressional representatives Napolitano and Chu. Their endorsements are posted at Stand With Gascon Dot Org.

It is a stark divide. Muckraker recommends the Council and community reject repugnant reactionary right-wing Republican recalls.

UPDATE: After these comments were submitted the losing streak has been extended because the Newsom recall flopped and the Gascon recall fizzled out.



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From: [Zepeda, Julissa](#)
To: [Alice Atkins](#)
Subject: Public Comment 9/21/21
Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 2:51:47 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Hi Alice,

I am unable to attend this evening's council meeting, but was hoping you could read this for me!

"Good evening Mayor, council, staff, and residents of Monrovia. My name is Julissa Zepeda and I am a representative with the Office of Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio of the 48th Assembly District. I want to inform residents of the Assemblywoman's Career and Resource Fair taking place on Saturday, October 2nd from 9am-12pm at the Cortez Park Community and Senior Center in The City of West Covina. Covid-19 has significantly impacted our state and it is important we provide meaningful services/resources as we continue to restore our community. Constituents are invited to connect with our district office, explore career opportunities, discover educational pathways, and learn how to improve their workforce development skills. For questions or to RSVP, call our office at 626-960-4457. Thank you, and have a great evening!"

Much appreciated,



Julissa Zepeda
District Representative
[Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio, 48th District](#)
100 N. Barranca St., Suite 895
West Covina, CA 91791
O: (626) 960-4457

From: [Ling and Nakano](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: For 9/21 meeting regarding ad hoc Diversity
Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 2:42:42 PM

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Dear City Council and all City Staff -

Happy Chinese Moon Festival.

How difficult it was for all of us to see George Floyd's murder, the chaos at our borders, and the anti-Asian hate crimes all over our nation. I applaud all your efforts to take assertive steps for the City of Monrovia to be better. Together, we can become more mindful of our own systemic racism and the unconscious bias in our own actions and in our assumptions.

To paraphrase Mahatma Gandhi, "Let us be the change we want to see in this world."

Respectfully,
Susie Ling