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Hi Alice,

If you could please read the below quote during public comment, I would greatly appreciate it!

“Good Evening Mayor, council, and Monroviaans. My name is Julissa Zepeda and I am District Representative from the Office of Assemblywoman Blanca E. Rubio. I would like to use this opportunity to share information regarding our 2021-2022 Young Legislators Program. The Young Legislators Program seeks to provide high school students with the opportunity to become acquainted with the legislative process and integrate themselves within their local communities through service. Students will attend monthly meetings in-person from January to June, participate in local events, and learn about issues impacting the State of California. This program is available at no-cost for sophomores, juniors, and seniors attending high schools or live within the 48th Assembly District. Applications are now open and the deadline to apply is Thursday, November 4th by 5pm. For more information please visit our website at <https://a48.asmdc.org/2021-young-legislators-program>. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Denaee Amaya at Denaee.Amaya@asm.ca.gov or 626-960-4457. Thank you for your time!”

Much appreciated,



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Dear Councilmembers,

I have some concerns about CC-5, the agreement with Managed Career Solutions (MSC), on tonight's agenda. I don't have an issue with using MSC but rather with the schedule of work described as:

“City staff have met with MSC and outlined a schedule of work that may include removal of dead / dying vegetation, removal of invasive species rapidly returning following the fires, clearing trail slough, cleaning up mud and debris following a rain event, and clearing any rocks or soil debris.”

In my opinion removal is not the best use of these valuable natural and organic resources. Removal has undesirable consequences including:

- Noise and pollution in transport
- High transportation fuel costs
- Large vehicle traffic on narrow access roads
- Increased rate of soil erosion
- Unnecessary landfill use and methane emissions
- Degradation of wildlife habitat

Instead of removal of vegetation, mud, rocks and soil, I would strongly urge the schedule of work for MSC to employ more eco-friendly permaculture practices that would keep these resources on site including:

- Using soil, mud and large tree trunks to construct strategically placed Hugelkultur mounds
- Chipping and shredding small branches and leaves into mulch to be spread in the area
- Using rocks to fill trail sloughs and to create bioswales along natural channels and gullies
- Hot composting invasive species to kill seeds and to create biomass to enhance soil in the park and reserve

Some of the benefits of these regenerative practices include:

- Reduction of future maintenance costs
- Creating microclimates, reducing temperatures, increasing humidity and lowering fire risk
- Decreasing the velocity of storm water runoff and subsequent damage reduction
- Improving wildlife habitat and attracting animals back into the wilderness
- Accelerated vegetation growth and restoration from improved soil health
- Dramatic reduction in top soil erosion
- Carbon sequestration
- Increasing groundwater and aquifer recharge closer to the source
- Reduction of vector control issues
- Less organic material ending up in landfills and less methane in the atmosphere
- Moisture conservation
- Increased hillside stability from more and deeper root structures

Sincerely,

Brian Yamaguchi