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Subject: Amendment to Community Design and Preservation Protect Redwoods

Dear San Rafael Planning Commission:

As someone who has lived in Marin for more than 30 years, I very much support the sentiments of the folks seeking protection for Redwood trees. They are amazing, wonderful trees, and every single one of them is unique and irreplaceable. We are so fortunate to live among them, and our development should work around them rather than removing them.

I urge you to add the following words to Chapter 5 Community Design and Preservation and Chapter 6 Conservation and Climate Change of the draft General Plan 2040:
Protect and preserve Redwood trees over 12 inches in diameter.

As others have pointed out, San Rafael is a tree city and the Redwood tree is the California State Tree, designated by the State Legislature in 1937. Redwood trees absorb water runoff, combat climate change by absorbing carbon and provide shade in the summer months. Redwood trees beautify our neighborhoods. Prohibit the removal of California Redwood Trees over 12" diameter.

Thank you for your consideration.

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