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San Rafael Planning Commission

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PLEASE INCLUDE THIS 1-PAGE LETTER IN PUBLIC COMMENTS for the Planning Commission hearing on June 28, 2020, for the draft General Plan 2040

Dear Planning Commissioners:

1.) Please consider the following changes (underlined or ~~crossed-out~~):

Program C-1.15A: Education on Desirable Plant Species. *Leverage the educational and website materials on “water-wise” plants developed by the Marin Municipal Water District, ~~and~~ fire-prone plants from FireSafe Marin, and plants with high carbon sequestration (to reduce climate change) as resources for San Rafael property owners.*

Policy C-1.16: Urban Forestry

.....Tree planting and preservation should be coordinated with programs to reduce fire hazards, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, expand solar opportunities, and ensure public safety, resulting in a community that is both green and fire-safe.

2.) I would like to see stronger language to protect our California Redwoods (*Sequoia sempervirens*);

Program C-1.17A: Tree Preservation. *Replace the following sentence:*

*~~The regulations should strongly support the protection of California redwoods (*Sequoia sempervirens*) and other native trees. Define California redwoods (*Sequoia sempervirens*) as a protected species, along with other native trees.~~*

Correct the following typo, “substantial” should be “substantially”:

Program C-1.17B: Tree Management Plan: *Require a tree management plan prior to approval of development with the potential to remove or substantially impact trees.*

Thank you for considering these changes.

Sincerely,

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