

**From:** Hillside Neighbors [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 8, 2023 9:30 AM  
**To:** Distrib- City Clerk <city.clerk@cityofsanrafael.org>  
**Subject:** Special CC meeting 3:00 pm today, 5/8

Hi Lindsay,

Please provide City Council members with the following email before the Special Meeting at 3:00 pm at Dominican to discuss Goals and Objectives. Please confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you,

Victoria

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Dear Eli,

It has been two years since the City Council adopted General Plan 2040 which included the preservation of our heritage trees, as follows:

**Program C-1.17A: Tree Preservation.**

Revise Chapter 11.12 of the Municipal Code (Trees) or add a new Code section that defines protected and heritage trees and establishes permit requirements and procedures for tree protection, removal, and replacement. The regulations should strongly support the protection of California redwoods (*Sequoia sempervirens*) and other native trees.

With state mandates allowing denser development in our residential neighborhoods, heritage trees that have resided in San Rafael longer than any of us are being threatened by the developer's ax. Heritage trees have taken years, even decades to reach their current stature and offer more ecosystem services and benefits than any small newly planted trees that will struggle with future droughts.

***These mature trees that grace our neighborhoods need our protection NOW!***

*Please include **GP2040 Program C-1.17A: Tree Preservation** as a budget goal in our FY23-24 budget.*

Thank you,

Susan Bradford

Victoria DeWitt

Linda Lieberman