

**Summary of Written Public Comments
Submitted for Development Review Committee Meeting – 03/18/2026**

<i>Comments Received AFTER the Start of the March 18, 2026 Development Review Committee Meeting</i>			
Public Comment #	Name	Agenda Item	Comment Summary or Full Comment, if brief
#1	Amber N. Simms	AR-1 (541 El Norte Avenue)	Email from commenter in opposition of the proposal, asserting that Monrovia should be preserving protected trees given the significant loss of tree canopy in the community.
#2	Susan McCreary	AR-1 (541 El Norte Avenue)	Email from commenter in opposition of the proposal, asserting that the area south of Huntington Drive is bare and claiming that the City used to be a Tree City USA, which requires a certified arborist on City staff.
#3	Leslie A Smith Powell	AR-1 (541 El Norte Avenue)	Email from commenter in opposition of the proposal and in support of stronger enforcement of Monrovia’s Oak Tree Ordinance, siting that the trees at the subject site should be protected.
#4	Gisela Garay	AR-1 (541 El Norte Avenue)	Email from commenter in opposition of the proposal and in support of the protection and preservation of Monrovia’s trees and the continued prioritization and enforcement of the City’s tree ordinances, siting the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees are essential to the character, environmental health, and long-term resilience of Monrovia. • Trees provide shade, reduce heat, support wildlife, improve air quality, and contribute to resident quality of life. • Mature tree removal should be carefully evaluated and prevented when avoidable. The City should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize the retention of existing mature trees • Enforce current tree protection ordinances consistently and transparently. • Require thoughtful site planning that works around existing trees. • Ensure that mitigation measures, when necessary, are meaningful and reflect the true value of what is being lost.
#5	Sally Weiss	AR-1 (541 El Norte Avenue)	Email from resident in opposition of the proposal and in support of stronger enforcement of Monrovia’s Oak Tree Ordinance, siting that the trees at the subject site should be protected.

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Oak tree proposal

AS

Amber Simms [REDACTED]

To: planning



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I oppose the removal of these oak trees at 541 El Norte Ave. Monrovia should be preserving protected trees, especially given the significant the loss of canopy in our community.

Respectfully,

Amber N. Simms

[REDACTED]

"Your positive action combined with positive thinking results in success." -Shiv Khera

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Stop the tree removal!!!

SM

Susan McCreary [REDACTED]

To: planning



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Stop the tree removal at 541 El Norte Ave. Please protect our remaining tree canopy, especially those keystone species such as live oak and sycamore. The area south of Huntington Drive is especially bare, worse than down town LA. Do not remove the oaks that developers have marked!

We need to remember that we used to be a Tree City USA, and that requires a certified arborist on city staff. With rising temperatures, our trees need protection and proper care. Greed is ugly, and so is the removal of our trees.

Susan McCreary
[REDACTED]

Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.” –Eleanor Roosevelt

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El Norte Ave



Leslie Powell

To: planning



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To whom it may concern,

I support stronger enforcement of Monrovia's oak tree ordinance. The trees at 541 El Norte Avenue should be protected, not removed for development convenience.

Sincerely,

Leslie A Smith Powell

Sent from my iPhone

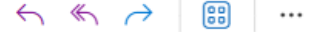
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Support for Tree Preservation in Monrovia at 541 El Norte Ave

GG

Gisela Garay- [REDACTED]

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To the Planning and Development Review Department,

I am writing to express my support for the protection and preservation of Monrovia's trees, and to encourage the continued prioritization and enforcement of the City's tree ordinances.

Trees are not just visual elements within our neighborhoods- they are essential to the character, environmental health, and long-term resilience of Monrovia. They provide shade, reduce heat, support wildlife, improve air quality, and contribute to the overall quality of life for residents.

As development continues, it is critical that preservation remains a priority rather than an afterthought. Mature trees, in particular, represent decades of growth that cannot be easily replaced. Their removal should be carefully evaluated, and when avoidable, prevented.

I respectfully ask that the City:

- Prioritize the retention of existing mature trees wherever feasible
- Enforce current tree protection ordinances consistently and transparently
- Require thoughtful site planning that works around existing trees rather than defaulting to removal
- Ensure that mitigation measures, when necessary, are meaningful and reflect the true value of what is being lost

Monrovia has a unique identity shaped in part by its tree canopy. Protecting that identity requires intentional decisions and a commitment to long-term stewardship.

Thank you for your time and for your work in shaping the future of our community.

Sincerely,

Gisela Garay

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Protecting our oak trees

SW

Sally Weiss [REDACTED]

To: planning



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I support stronger enforcement of Monrovia's oak tree ordinance. The trees at 541 El Norte Avenue should be protected, not removed for development convenience.

Sally Weiss

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