

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 18, 2025

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Item #10

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**Tree Preservation
Ordinance**

From: [Mimi Bauer](#)
To: [Tree Ordinance](#); [List-Mayor-Council](#); [List-Planning Commission](#); [Ana Alvarez](#); [Minane Jameson](#); [Al Mendall](#)
Subject: Response to Draft Tree Preservation Ordinance Update
Date: Monday, March 10, 2025 2:27:33 PM

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I and several others in the Fairway Park neighborhood have been working with city staff on and off for over two decades (as far back as Mr. Nagel and Mr. Santos, whom most of you don't even know existed as department heads working on the street tree issue) to monitor, save and add to our street trees. The city continues to spend time, effort and money on rewording the ordinance but does nothing to deal with the crux of the problem. The problem is enforcement. What the city needed to address are the *requirement* of street trees and the *immediate consequences* of illegally removing trees. Stop with the lip service! If you aren't going to actually, effectively deal with the problem then stop pretending to. I am twenty plus years tired and frustrated with your not committing to decisive action.

As one of the people who helped create Access Hayward as a means of addressing the problem of illegal removal of trees among many other issues, I regret to say that the program has become a joke. To tell a resident that the request for action has been completed because a supervisor handed the issue off to a staff member is malarkey. To put a lien on property as a means of enforcement is worthless.

Instead of fiddling around with the language, get a backbone and declare a full canopy of street trees in Hayward a fundamental sustainability policy. Search out how other cities effectively penalize culprits for illegal removal of trees.

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Sincerely,
Mimi Bauer

From: [Minane Jameson](#)
To: [Mimi Bauer](#)
Cc: [Tree Ordinance](#); [List-Mayor-Council](#); [List-Planning Commission](#); [Ana Alvarez](#); [Al Mendall](#)
Subject: Re: Response to Draft Tree Preservation Ordinance Update
Date: Monday, March 17, 2025 5:47:34 PM

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Correction: It was not on 60 Minutes that I saw the program about Singaore, but on a public television station. My apologies!

On Mon, Mar 17, 2025 at 4:37 PM Minane Jameson wrote:

Like Mimi Bauer, I am truly disheartened by the loss of so many trees in Hayward and the lack of enforcement of Hayward's current ordinances that were designed to not only protect trees but require the replacement of trees, especially street trees. To make things worse, there is an 'epidemic' of homeowners paving over their yards and mow strips (which is against your regulations, too), replacing grass with astroturf, rocks or tan bark, and basically doing away with any living plants (except weeds). This is probably how Hayward has been able to conserve water, but this is a terrible way to conserve water!

On 60 Minutes last night there was a segment on how Singapore has created an incredibly beautiful, green city state, making vegetation and clean water a priority. If California requires that we build more housing, then build up, and surround these buildings with trees and safe, green walking paths, as they did in Singapore. Please don't let the State mandate that we build more housing while reducing green spaces; we need both!

An abundance of trees and vegetation throughout the city will improve our quality of life by reducing crime, slowing down traffic, cleaning the air, improving walkability, improving mental health, and reducing our carbon footprint.

Please don't water down any of your current tree ordinances, but instead expand them and enforce them.

Thank you,
Minane Jameson

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From: Pamela Dennis

Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 5:49 PM

To: List-Mayor-Council

Subject: 3/18/2025 City Council Meeting - Tree Preservation Ordinance

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Hello,

I am a Hayward resident and homeowner who has a rather tall tree in my front yard whose roots are expanding across the front yard towards the house. I purchased the house in 2016 with the tree already planted. It's not doing very well and would like to know if I submit a permit to remove the tree and it is denied for one reason or another, will I be refunded my permit fee?

Thank you for your time and attention.

Best Regards,

Pamela Dennis

Hayward Highlands resident.

From: Peggy Guernsey
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 4:14 PM
To: Miriam Lens
Subject: Wk Sess. #10 Tree ord questios/concerns

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City Manager, City Council, Mayor, Landscaping Arb.

All new trees planted in housing dev---who is resp for maint the trees

Will you mail to all property owners or address the new ord

Who is resp info on trees when house/condo/townhouse/etc/unit is sold? Realtor?Home owner/New owner buys blind

Who has resp street trees/priv property tree in multi unit projects

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what if new owner plant tree and then cuts it down

what if new/existing owner plants invasive trees

Why don't ou have pictures of all these trees

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Permits Tentants/non owner how do you know

What if tentant cut and prop owner doesn't give permission

What is a BOX TREE???? Not inches what is it????

What about City trees the city planted YEARS ago, maint, replaced and even had a replace list

What if owner HATES the tree and wants it gone and cuts it w/o knowing ord

What if living in fear of neighbors tree or limbs falling on us/frons falling in wind

PalmCeia palm trees still there is city taking out Mexican Palms like they started

Who will determine all these?

Thanks for answers,

Peggy

Public Comment

From: JV <monivj2004@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 7:05 PM

To: Miriam Lens ; CityClerk

Cc: monivj2004@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: Km Public Comments for Council Meeting, Request fir Referral for my Matterdto be Put on Agenda Soon.

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City of Hayward

City Hall

Clerk's Office

RE: Public Comments for Council Meeting, Request for a Referral For My Matters To Be Put on Agenda Soon!

Dear Mayor, Council Memebbers & City,

I have recently raised a few urgent and serious concerns in my public comments emails submitted to your attention in the past month and this month. I incorporate them here as a reference so please take a note of it.

Upon checking with the Clerk Ms. Lens there has been no input or recourse taken by you on them.

My raised concerns and grievances continue to exist as Hayward Police Department, City Attorney's Office and Clerk's Office still is not replying my calls and providing answers as needed.

City staff is paid to reply to public business but clearly they are defying it often especially HPD, City Attorney and Hayward Animal Shelter staff or unprofessionals.

I have been forced and stressed to invest or waste an amount of time and effort to follow up with the City that could have been avoided if it was handled timely, efficiently, effectively and unbiasedly by the staff. Clearly I am selectively and dispatately treated there.

I am a target of gang stalking of HPD and even the City here that is very obvious to me in several ways which I have and will explain later further.

The City needs to do the professional, ethical, non discriminatory and effective thing to handle my public business with it as that also conserves resources and time of the City.

My public records requests have been illegally handled and not fully honored. The City cannot put its self defense tactics over my 1st Amendment rights to free speech, movement and redress my issues there. The California Public Records Act and California Transparency laws require City to produce certain records and they are not. The City Attorney is a joker as he left me voicemails claiming he will produce records legally only then to not do so and then he fails to return my calls also acting blatantly un

professional. Tell me why City has such an unethical lawyer paid by taxpayers' taxes?

HPA and Hayward Animal Shelter at least have been involved and in conspiracy with others including Fremont Police Department and FBI at minimum in gang stalking me, my being hacked, my cat rescues and pets being stolen, my home, vehicles and storage being burglarized and vandalized and in my attempted murder etc.

Some info how gang stalkers operate cleverly to frustrate a target:

<https://www.mylawquestions.com/what-is-gang-stalking.htm>

You have a responsibility towards public's safety including mine, my family and animals.

I am daily home invaded, my animals and I am being slowly killed and my parents too and our property keeps getting stolen. Our devices are hacked and our privacy anywhere we go is compromised. We are attacked by harassers terrorists gang stalkers daily non stop.

How would you like it if we were being illegally targetted like this by government officials and their hired operatives?

I request my concerns before and now be put on agenda soon so you can actually address it.

Remember if I could be a target and government can violate my rights and actually commit crimes against me, so could they do it to any of you.

I hope you have an ethical and moral compass to let this happen to me, another human being.

Did you have a chance to carefully review my prior comments and information on links in it yet? Please review it all.

I await a fair and unbiased discussion and a swift resolution on it from the City.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jeff V.

P.S. How compose, patient and polite will you be to anyone who just invaded your home once? I HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO 365 plus invasions and thousands of other crimes since 2021 and after I voiced grievances against FPD's police misconduct and crimes against me and grievances and a Claim for the same against HPD and HAS.

From: JV <monivj2004@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 5:03 PM

To: Miriam Lens; CityClerk

Cc: monivj2004@yahoo.com

Subject: RE: My Public Comments Sent for Council Meeting 44/18/2025, Request For Referral and Redress Urgently.

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March 18, 2025

City of Hayward

CLERK'S OFFICE

Sent via email: miriam.lens@hayward-ca.gov

Cityclerk@hayward-ca.gov

RE: My Public Comments Sent for Council Meeting 3-18-25, Request For Referral & Redress Urgently.

Dear Mayor, Council Members & City,

Good day.

I have been reaching out to Hayward Police Department's Records Division for months on my official queries and concerns. They are failing to call me back.

How can they do this? It has harmed my interests.

I have reached out to City Attorney Mr. Michael Lawson and he also fails to revert to me.

How can he do that being a public servant ignore a public member who pays his salary through my taxes too?

It has harmed my interests.

I have contacted Hayward Animal Shelter before many times and left voicemails for its Manager and Animal Control and they did not contact me back or replied my business matters either. It has harmed my interests. They deny me their public services illegally violating my rights. Am I chopped liver.

How can they do this and why?

When I come to COH, its security guard follow me and treat me impolitely unprovoked. Why they can do this?

I requested public records through the Clerk's office in the past 3 1/2 some years and till now most of those records have not been availed to me. Mostly they have claimed exemptions that are not even applicable in refusing to give those records or lied they do not exist when records retention time period has not passed to purge them at all. HPD and Clerk's office had lied at first about my one online police

report not being existing only to produce it months later only I think after 6 months time to file a claim against them had passed. Do you think that is ethical? No.

Now, you took an oath to uphold the law and constitution of our country USA and you pledge allegiance to US flag so please make sure that no undue power of FBI, DOJ, USAF, NSA, CIA, DOD, DOHS and others as part of the deep state can compromise your ethics and integrity in seeing through that this City and its staff does not violate my civil rights and the laws and do not deliberately frustrate and instigate opening City to lawsuits and waste hardworking COH's taxpayers' money. That is what they have been doing since 2018 at least. Would any of you folks like to be terrorized by our government and your City officials not redressing it duly?

I can only respect my public officials who prove their ethics and integrity by their actions.

I request you all to refer my concerns raised and more I wish to raise in upcoming few city council meetings as I have a few matters to raise and address with this City.

I got home invaded, drugged to sleep today again, my property and evidence got stolen, my and my family's cell phones and rest devices are still hacked invading our privacy blatantly and deleting of all kinds of media and rest evidence that pertains to HPD, HAS and COH besides their police, FBI and other accomplices happened again and my rescue animals got poisoned in my home while I was put to sleep. I have gone through over 400 home invasions. Do you think it is a joke?

How many can you withstand and not be upset?

It is our darn US law enforcement behind it okay. They have a system in place for decades to silence certain folks who are independent thinkers and who show the courage to call them on their crap. I have figured it out how they operate, very secretly, systematically and evilly.

My cats or anyone's do not deserve to be butchered, drowned, poisoned or beaten to terrorize me. Does yours?

HAS is involved in their tragic demise alright. It must end.

I got cats dumped at my home again this weekend.

It is not ending. HAS and HPD has a lot to do with my rescues being killed, stolen and these cats being dumped trust me. You must investigate it. Their marked and unmarked vehicles' gps records will show how they stalk me. Their calls and emails will show a trail of their crimes against me.

The 911 calls records will reveal their misconducts towards me from 2018 to present.

Why won't you want to investigate it and root out these criminals dirty rascals predators from our society? You must.

Thank you,

Jeff V