

From: [Karinne Krastine](#)
To: [City Council](#), [City Manager](#), [City Manager](#)
Subject: Tonight's City Council Zoom Display - No o' Issue
Date: Tuesday, 4th Jul 2022 2:36:01 PM

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Hello City Council and staff,

Could you please display this photo when I speak on the zoom meeting tonight?

Also, is there a way for me to show more photos while I speak?

Thank you,

Karinne

#Save the 179 Redwood Grove



My dear neighbor enjoying Great Grandmother #179 today. 2/8

From: [Kathy Feerick](#)
To: [City Council FORWARD](#)
Subject: Huge Redwood #179 and other Heritage trees
Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 2:52:39 PM

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Please do not allow the Heritage Redwoods to be destroyed by Construction for housing at 555 Middlefield Road and Cypress Point Drive.

Trees are important to residents in the area's homes, walkers on the Steven Creek Trail and our Environment.

I urge the City Council Members to not allow this destruction to occur in our neighborhood.

Thank you,

Kathleen Feerick
■ Central Avenue
Mtn. View. 94043

Sent from my iPad

From: [Serge Bonte](#)
To: [Ramirez, Lucas](#); [Showalter, Pat](#); [Hicks, Alison](#); [Kamei, Ellen](#); [Matichak, Lisa](#); [Abe-Koga, Margaret](#); [Lieber, Sally](#)
Cc: [City Council FORWARD](#)
Subject: Re: 2/8/22 Agenda Item 6.1 Residential Development Project at 555 West Middlefield Road
Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 3:03:55 PM

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Dear Mountain View City Council:

I wanted to quickly reiterate my full support for this project for the many reasons stated on January 2.

I also read the letters from the League of Women Voters and from the developer, and was very pleased to see that the developer will also:

1. Honor the CSFRA rules and temporarily reduce rents during construction.
2. Provide credits for residents to acquire high quality air filters(*)

Sincerely,

Serge Bonte

(*) As we've all experienced during fire season and throughout the pandemic, this is a much needed improvement for most homes regardless of nearby construction.

On Sun, Jan 2, 2022 at 2:31 PM Serge Bonte [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Environmental Planning Commissioners and Mountain View City Council:

Since the public hearings will come before you in short succession, I'm sending my comments to both government bodies.

I am writing in full support for this project. It is a refreshing change to see a project that will preserve all existing (naturally affordable and under the CSFRA) housing while adding a significant amount of new housing units in Mountain View (10% of them affordable via deed restrictions) and also while providing with the dedication of a 1.34-acre public park (to be delivered far ahead of project completion). Even better, the project will be phased over many years to minimize relocation and disturbance for current residents.

The developer should also be commended for listening to the community by:

- provide important community benefits. I am very pleased to see a study for a pedestrian path/sidewalk across 85 (to hopefully plug a glaring hole in the pedestrian network and greatly improve access to the Stevens Creek Trail for the neighborhood).
- preserve a good amount of healthy heritage trees and provide a good replacement ratio for heritage trees that could not be preserved (noting that some were unhealthy and non-native - Olive trees-).

Looking forward to your approval of this great project for Mountain View.

Sincerely,

Serge Bonte
Lloyd Way, Mountain View

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Subject: 555 W Middlefield Rd.-Letter in PDF
Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 3:07:42 PM
Attachments: [555 W Middlefield Rd Kristine Keller PDF.pdf](#)

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Dear City Council and Staff,

Please provide this document/letter to the City Council and public.

It is a letter to council and small collection of photographs.

(I had technical difficulties and was not able to add the remainder of photos, but happy to provide them at a later date if supportive.)

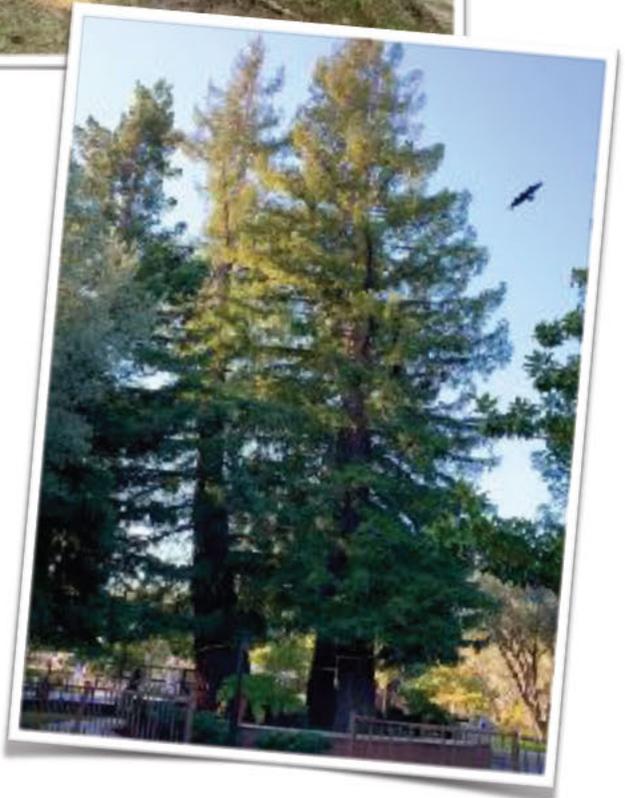
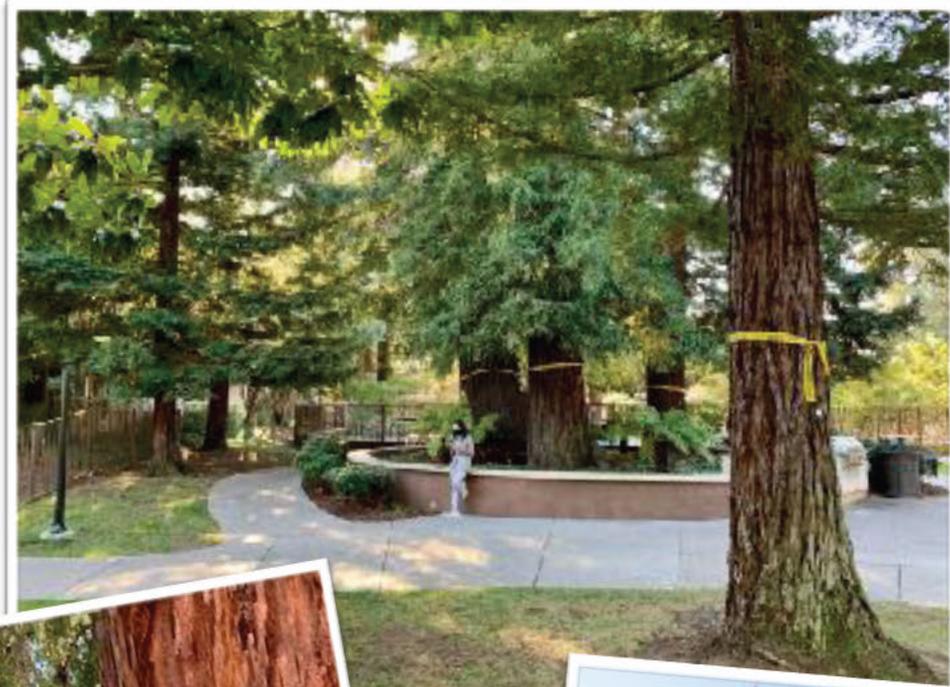
Please let me know if you have any issues opening the document.

Please help us protect our trees & health tonight!

Thank you,
Kristine
Resident of 555 W. Middlefield Rd.

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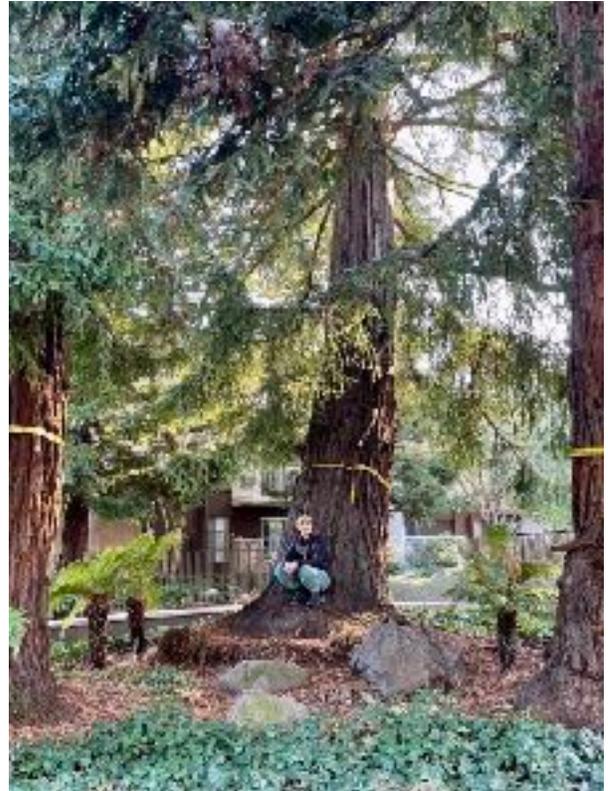


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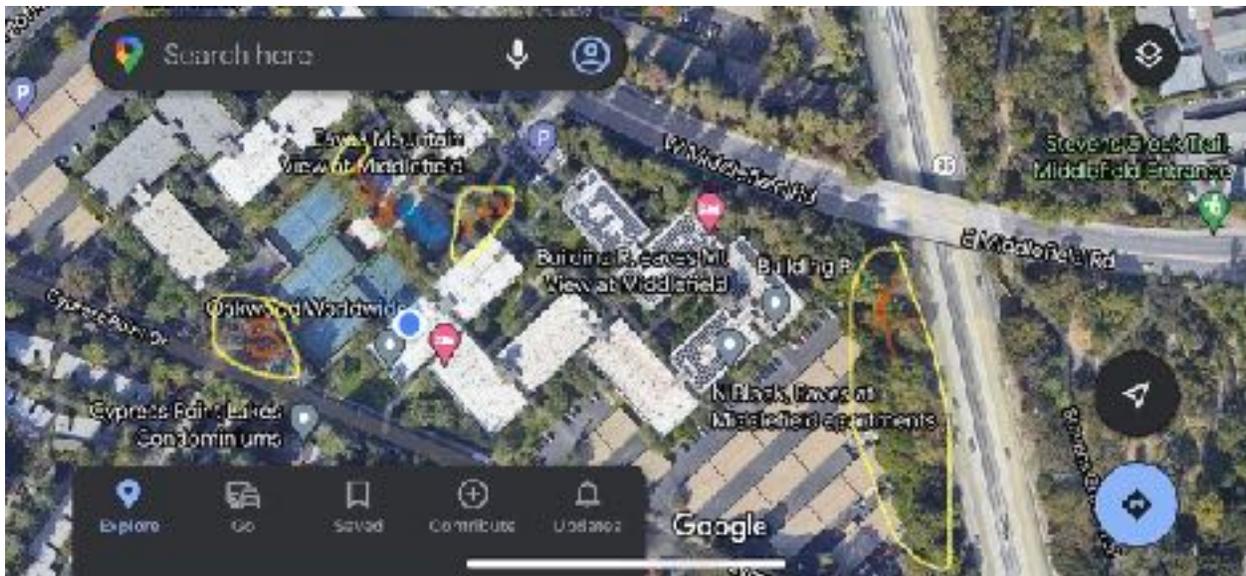
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Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 3:33:00 PM
Attachments: [555 W Middlefield Rd. Kristine Keller PDF2.pdf](#)

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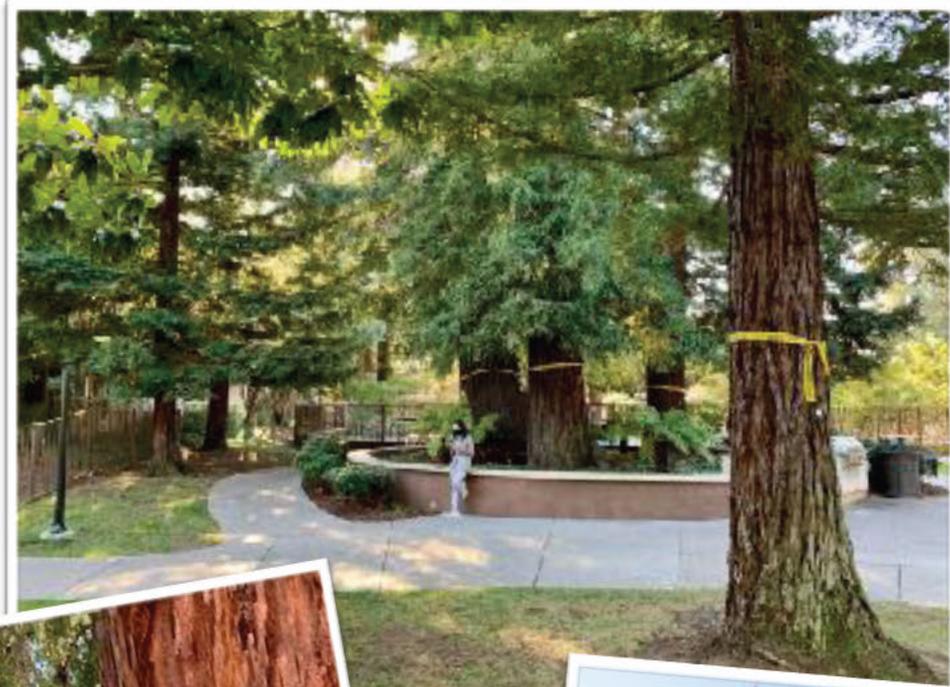
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Please find attached an updated letter and photo collection—I was able to add a page at the end of residents at 555 W. Middlefield Rd. with our biggest redwoods including Great Grandmother #175.

Could you please post this updated packet/PDF for public and City Council review?
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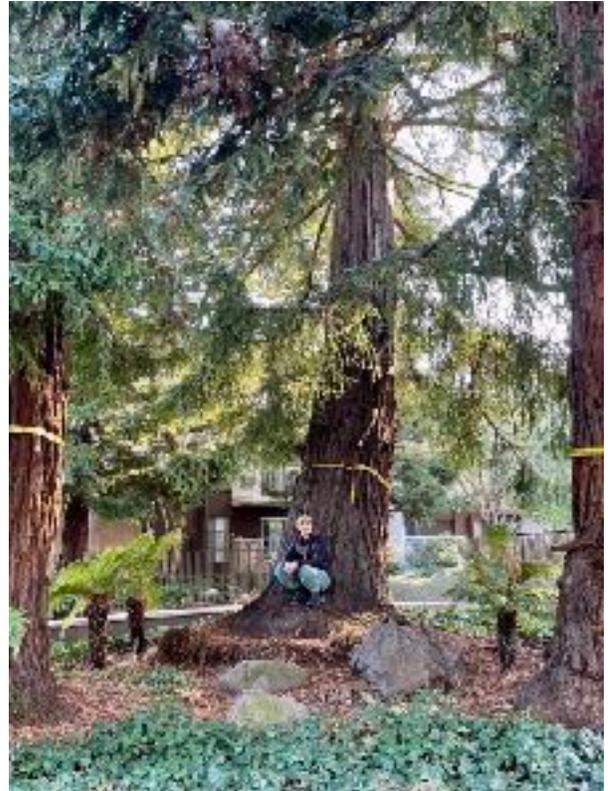


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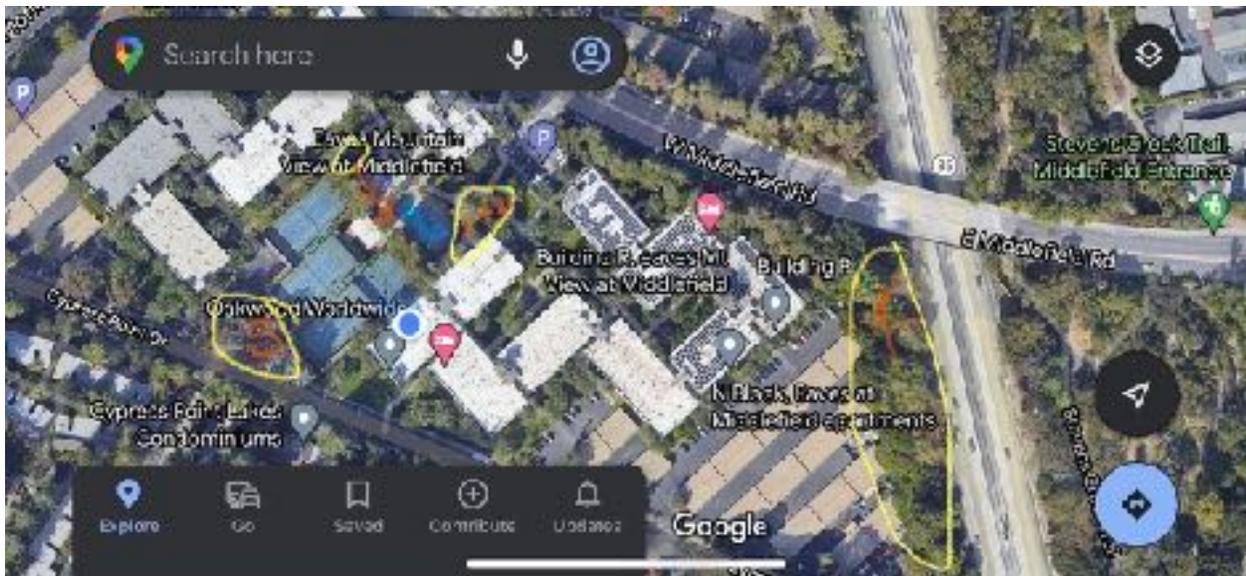
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Subject: URGENT-July 2022: Avalon proposes start to 555 W Middlefield demolition?
Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 3:54:14 PM

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Hello Council,

I am shocked and very alarmed to see this in the posted answer today- Avalon has only said demolition/construction would begin in 2023 (when asked privately by email) and would not answer our questions as to what timeframe was possible in 2023, and below it is stated this would all start as soon as July of this year, 2022!! Could you please help us with this alarming update as it is not in alignment with what Avalon proposed or said would be the case. Our community has no info. to know in just a 5 months time this would begin.

Is this accurate or by some chance a typo?

When in 2023 would demolition/construction start if approved to go forward?

[If approved, the first phase of demolition and construction work is anticipated to start in Q3 2022.](#)

Thank you for your help with this ASAP.

Take good care,
Kristine
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