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Dear Commissioners,

My husband and I have lived in MV for 40 yrs and we raised our son here. We love this community and want it to be healthy, green, climate resilient and liveable for generations to come.

The effects of climate change are making it all the more imperative that our <u>Community Tree Master Plan</u> reflect the important functions that trees serve in a community.

The <u>canopy</u> is essential for:

- clean air
- heat mitigation
- bird habitats
- pollinators

In addition to maintaining MV as a socially, ethnically, racially and economically diverse community, we also need <u>biodiversity</u>.

With the ongoing drought, our parks should be inhabited by <u>California native vegetation</u> which requires less water, and to be <u>maintained in ecologically healthy ways</u>. I'd like the plan to include natural habitats for butterflies and bees.

Lastly, the plan should include <u>quantifiable goals</u> and how they will be reached so that we have a way of monitoring our progress.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully, Sheri Morrison