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Dear Members of the City Council, Environmental Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Community Services Division,

This is a request to add the following items to the city code updates as part of the Work Plan for 2025-2027. (1) Update and Modifications of Chapter 41 - Park Land Dedication or Fees InLieu Thereof | Municipal Code and Ordinances, and (2) Update and Modifications to the Formal Planning Development Application Checklist used by the City Planners to evaluate proposed development projects.

The following updates and modifications are needed to better meet the city goals of greater environmental sustainability, climate change actions, biodiversity, and urban forestry.

These changes will certainly result in more consideration of our precious natural resources such as natural urban forests, natural ecosystems, highway vegetation barriers and more on private lands destined for development. Greater protection, preservation, restoration, and enhancement of our natural resources will result in cleaner air quality, healthier communities, more livable and beautiful communities.

I have specific recommendations for each of these items and they are available upon request. For example, I recommend adding to Chapter 41 a consideration for important natural resources such as urban forests on private lands to the existing options. The existing options for consideration are currently public parks and recreational facilities. Additionally, I recommend adding commercial properties to land dedication regulations since workers also benefit from our urban forestry and other natural resources. Forests can be parks as well.

I request these specific items be added to the list of municipal codes and planning development guidelines to be worked on by the staff in 2025-2026.

Sincerely,

Daniel Shane