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Dear Mayor Brotman and Members of the Glendale City Council,

My wife and I have lived in Glendale for 35 years, the past 9 in the Verdugo Woodlands.

The tree ordinance updates proposed this evening are a good idea. Trees are our friends, and we appreciate the new trees our city has been planting. We also very much appreciate Glendale's procedure of offering new trees to provide shade for residents' homes.

We have some further suggestions:

- As trees provide shade, beauty, oxygen and provide coolness in a world gradually getting hotter, Glendale should increase the rate of planting new trees. Any tree on city land along a street that is lost should be replaced as soon as possible.
- Unpermitted pruning or removal of indigenous trees should be responded to with a swift fine that more than covers the cost of replacement plus an amount sufficient to deter future willful damage to our tree canopy. Previous violations should be remedied.
- Add an additional arborist to more fully protect our urban forest.

Thank you for you efforts toward improving our tree canopy.

Sincerely,

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN ON THE GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL:

My name is Mary LaCroix; my husband and I are homeowners in Glendale, and more specifically within Verdugo Woodlands. I have participated in our HOA's Tree Committee for the past several years; conserving and planting trees has always been important to me, as trees are the life blood and lungs of our ecosystem. They are the eponymous centerpiece of our particular neighborhood. I am unable to attend this evening's long awaited meeting on this important issue, and may not be able to call in to echo the sentiments of our HOA's email, which I presume you have already received from Catherine Jurca. Please take that email to heart.

Like many aspects of our society today, if there are no consequences, there is no deterrence. Point 5 of Ms. Jurca's email is especially frustrating. A Code without true enforcement is just talk, and will not serve the interests that we all seem to agree on: making Glendale a strong and beautiful tree city. Unfortunately – through ignorance or complete disregard, protected trees are being hacked down with impunity in our area. Prior violations need to be remedied and followed up with public outreach so that

homeowners and their hired crews know what is and is not permitted.

On a positive note, I have noted that new trees have been planted by the city in several spots in the Woodlands where others have fallen. Bravo and keep them coming! I also applaud the work that Loren Klick is doing with the resources available to him. He was on top of a recent situation on a nearby city parkway where a resident hacked down most of a city tree (a shady Mulberry). While too late to save the tree, I understand that he and the City are pursuing all available remedies. Please give him and his team the tools they need to protect and foster Glendale's vital "residents" – the trees.

Thank you your time and work toward these goals.

Sincerely,

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"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now."

- Chinese Proverb