

Council Meeting of  
October 21, 2014

**SUPPLEMENTAL #1 TO ITEM 10A**

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the Torrance City Council  
City Hall  
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

**SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL #1 TO COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM 10A**  
**Community Development—Consider options for addressing potential view impairment from trees and vegetation in the Hillside Overlay District**

Attached is correspondence received after the item went to print. Included are a number of e-mails as well as three photographs that were left at the Planning Counter by a resident who preferred to remain anonymous showing the view from his home before and after removal of vegetation.

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFERY W. GIBSON  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

By Linda Cessna  
Linda Cessna  
Deputy Community Development Director

CONCUR:  
  
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Jeffery W. Gibson  
Community Development Director

NOTED:  
  
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LeRoy J. Jackson  
City Manager

**Attachment:**  
A. Correspondences



**Cessna, Linda**

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**From:** Semana , Gina on behalf of City Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2014 11:27 AM  
**To:** Cessna, Linda  
**Subject:** FW: Tree Ordinance Request

**From:** Furey, Pat  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2014 10:57 AM  
**To:** Chris Gateas  
**Cc:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Re: Tree Ordinance Request

Chris:

Thank you for your email. Via cc, I have forwarded it to our city clerk so that it can be part of the record this evening.

Patrick J. Furey  
Mayor  
City of Torrance  
Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 21, 2014, at 10:54 AM, "Chris Gateas" <[cgateas@gmail.com](mailto:cgateas@gmail.com)> wrote:

Mayor Furey and honorable City Council members,

My family has been a Torrance resident for 37 years. I respectfully request that you support a Tree Ordinance in Torrance that would prevent trees and/or other vegetation from blocking beautiful and expensive ocean views. Some mal-intentioned residents have created a wall of trees to block the views of my neighbors. This behavior is downright disappointing and it does not encourage a neighborly and cooperative Torrance community. I respectfully request an ordinance to be passed.

Thank you for your time,

Chris Gateas  
163 Paseo De La Concha #5  
Redondo Beach 90277

**Cessna, Linda**

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**From:** Gibson, Jeff  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2014 10:59 AM  
**To:** Cessna, Linda  
**Subject:** FW: Tree ordinance, agenda item 10A

**From:** Jackson, LeRoy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2014 10:52 AM  
**To:** Gibson, Jeff  
**Subject:** FW: Tree ordinance, agenda item 10A

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Matthew Moses [<mailto:matthew.j.moses@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2014 10:49 AM  
**To:** Furey, Pat; Ashcraft, Heidi; Barnett, Gene; Rizzo, Geoffrey; Goodrich, Tim; Weideman, Kurt; Griffiths, Mike; Jackson, LeRoy  
**Subject:** Tree ordinance, agenda item 10A

Mayor Furey and Honorable City Council members,

My family has been Torrance residents for 12 years now. We currently live at 163 Paseo de la Concha in a multi-unit condo complex. At one time, our neighbor across the street, already with an 180 degree unobstructed ocean view, was interested in building a third story. The build was rightfully denied by the City Council as it would block ocean views of multiple other Torrance residents. Upset by the decision, the neighbor planted fast-growing trees and has succeeded at blocking the very thing the Council was originally protecting.

I respectfully request that you support a Tree Ordinance in Torrance that would prevent trees and/or other vegetation from blocking beautiful and expensive ocean views.

Thank you for your time,

Matthew and Lisa Moses

**Cessna, Linda**

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**From:** Poirier, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2014 9:20 AM  
**To:** Cessna, Linda  
**Subject:** FW: Tree Ordinance for Torrance

-----Original Message-----

From: Griffiths, Mike  
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 1:11 AM  
To: Don E Whitehurst  
Cc: Poirier, Rebecca  
Subject: RE: Tree Ordinance for Torrance

Hi Don -

Thank you for providing your input on this issue! It's important for the council to hear what the residents want!

Mike Griffiths  
Councilmember – City Council  
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MGriffiths@TorranceCA.gov | www.TorranceCA.gov

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From: Don E Whitehurst [donwcrv@earthlink.net]  
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 11:12 AM  
To: Griffiths, Mike  
Subject: Fw: Tree Ordinance for Torrance

-----Forwarded Message-----

>From: Don E Whitehurst <donwcrv@earthlink.net>  
>Sent: Oct 20, 2014 10:58 AM  
>To: LJACKSON@torranceca.gov  
>Subject: Tree Ordinance for Torrance  
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>Dear M. Griffiths: As a homeowner in the Hillside Overlay District of Torrance since 1996, I wish to voice my STRONG SUPPORT for a tree ordinance in the City of Torrance to protect our views and investments. We are so pleased that you are taking this very important issue up at your meeting today. Hopefully it will lead to an ordinance to protect homeowners and investors in the near future.

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>Don Whitehurst  
>157 Paseo de la Concha  
>Redondo Beach (Torrance), CA. 90277

## Cessna, Linda

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**From:** Poirier, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2014 9:20 AM  
**To:** Cessna, Linda  
**Subject:** FW: Loss of View

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Griffiths, Mike  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2014 1:10 AM  
**To:** Maro Matthews  
**Cc:** Poirier, Rebecca  
**Subject:** RE: Loss of View

Hi Maro -

Thank you for providing your input on this issue! It's important for the council to hear what the residents want!

Mike Griffiths  
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**From:** Maro Matthews [ourview@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 12:36 PM  
**To:** Furey, Pat  
**Subject:** FW: Loss of View

I am resending this email, prior to the Tuesday meeting, to help council members understand the problems of vegetation growth in the hillside area. We are not talking about a tree here or there. We have completely blocked views from solid hedges. I have added 2 additional photos to the ones I previously sent. These were taken in my backyard and show a 21 foot tall solid hedge which blocks 98% of the view I would have in the rear yard, master bedroom and family room. These trees were about 12 foot tall when they were planted. I have photos showing the planting. These show the complete lack of concern a neighbor currently has about blocking views.

**From:** Maro Matthews [mailto:ourview@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 20, 2014 4:24 PM  
**To:** 'PFurey@TorranceCA.Gov'  
**Subject:** Loss of View

Torrance Mayor Furey and Council Members, I am resending this in order for the new council members to be apprised of the view problems. I would also like to thank Mayor Furey for making the view problems a priority, and again mention that any of you are welcome to come to my home and view the situation firsthand.

This letter is regarding views in the hillside overlay area of Torrance. As I'm sure you are aware there are fairly strict restrictions on what type of construction can be done in this area. The city, however, turns their head when it comes to vegetation restrictions. Unlike some other cities in the area, homeowners are now allowed to completely block a neighbor's view. I, and my next door neighbor, currently have a problem where a neighbor has a solid hedge about 20 feet in height completely across the back of their property, including the 3 foot easement area behind their garage.

Without this hedge obstruction, I would have a light view of the entire LA basin as well as a Queens Necklace view of the ocean. On my homes second level I have lost about 75% of the light view, when standing, nearly all gone when seated, and within 6 months it will be completely gone. In the first floor area of my home I have already lost 100% of the light view and about 50% of the ocean view.

Not only does this restrict the enjoyment of our properties, it also drastically decreases the value of our homes. While this letter is referring mainly to my property, there are many in the overlay area who is encountering this same type of problem. These need to be addressed by Torrance city, existing problems should be corrected and resolved to the benefit of all involved parties, and there should be strict control over what can be planted in the future. If you are not going to apply restrictions to the use of vegetation, then scrap the whole hillside overlay building restrictions as they are useless.

I am attaching 2 photos of my problem to this email. They were taken while standing in front of the second level windows. I even have to pay my gardener to continually trim the branches overhanging my property as my neighbor refuses to do it. I welcome you to come and view the problem for yourself.

Maro J. Matthews  
109 Paseo De Granada  
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

310-378-6927  
ourview@earthlink.net<mailto:ourview@earthlink.net>

cc: All council members

## Cessna, Linda

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**From:** Poirier, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2014 9:20 AM  
**To:** Cessna, Linda  
**Subject:** FW: I support a view ordnance

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Griffiths, Mike  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2014 1:08 AM  
**To:** Mike Dube  
**Cc:** Poirier, Rebecca  
**Subject:** RE: I support a view ordnance

Hi Mike -

Thank you for providing your input on this issue! It's important for the council to hear what the residents want!

Mike Griffiths  
 Councilmember – City Council  
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**From:** Mike Dube [dube259@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 12:41 PM  
**To:** Furey, Pat; Ashcraft, Heidi; Barnett, Gene; Goodrich, Tim; Griffiths, Mike; Rizzo, Geoffrey; Weideman, Kurt  
**Subject:** I support a view ordnance

I have lived in the Hillside Overlay since 1986, so I've had a chance to see firsthand how views that motivated expensive home purchases can be obliterated -- and it doesn't take 30 years. An ordinance that is funded mainly by the homeowners directly affected seems to have worked well in surrounding communities. While there is no reason for the council to make major budget allocations to localized areas such as the Hillside Overlay, I would contend that the cited \$300K "potential" city cost is small change on the Torrance list of liabilities for a big payoff that will provide sustainable city quality. There is good reason to support the neighborhood character and financial values of all Torrance residents, with localized variations as warranted.

DON'T TURN AWAY from this long-neglected issue just because it might be a little messy to setup. You have good model templates and strong political attention from Hillside Overlay homeowners who significantly shape the attractiveness of Torrance to residents and businesses alike. --- Were I not on travel this week, I would voice these points in person to the City Council.

Sincerely,  
 Mike Dube  
 259 Paseo de Granada

**Cessna, Linda**

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**From:** Poirier, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2014 9:17 AM  
**To:** Cessna, Linda  
**Cc:** Semana , Gina  
**Subject:** FW: Item 10A - Options to address potential view impairment from trees and vegetation in the Hillside Overlay District

For your supplemental.

**From:** Angela Lee [mailto:yunhang@pinecreeksoftware.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2014 8:58 AM  
**To:** Poirier, Rebecca  
**Subject:** Item 10A - Options to address potential view impairment from trees and vegetation in the Hillside Overlay District

Dear Rebecca,

I would like to submit this email to the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council and would appreciate it if you could log and distribute it to everyone.

Dear Honorable Mayer and Members of City Council;

I, as a member of an HOA in the Hillside Overlay District, would like to request you to adopt the ordinance option (the 3<sup>rd</sup> option) to address the issue of view impairment from trees and vegetation.

I believe the City of Torrance and the residents/owners of the Hillside Overlay District share a common goal; that of maintaining precious "view" properties and their values by preventing loss of views from those properties over time. Over the past years, our building has slowly been losing the beautiful ocean view due to overgrown tress and vegetations on the street below our street. I believe the property value of our and many other buildings in the area will decrease, resulting in reduced revenue for the city, if the issue is not addressed to correct the situation very soon.

Of the three options presented in the report, the first one (keeping the status quo) is not a real option as it does not address the issue at all. The 2<sup>nd</sup> option (view easement between neighbors) is also not going to improve the situation because it is the same as keeping the status quo as far as the Vegetation Owners are concerned. There is no reason the Vegetation Owners would change the status quo, which does require them take time and energy from everybody's busy life to address the issue. The 3<sup>rd</sup> option (an ordinance regulating the impairment by vegetation) will provide a tool for the View Seekers to work with the Vegetation Owners to prevent view properties from losing the view and thus losing the value, which will translate into the loss of revenue to the city. Most of the cost of maintaining the view will be borne by the property owners, but the View Seekers must have a tool (i.e., the ordinance with a backbone) to enlist the cooperation of the Vegetation Owners.

I would like to ask you to please consider the common goal of preserving the precious view properties in the City of Torrance and adopt the Ordinance option.

Thank you very much for listening and for your help!

Thank you for your help, Rebecca!

Peace & Blessings,

--Angela Lee

[yunhang@pinecreeksoftware.com](mailto:yunhang@pinecreeksoftware.com)

**Cessna, Linda**

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**From:** Semana , Gina on behalf of City Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2014 7:57 AM  
**To:** Cessna, Linda  
**Cc:** Aoki, Denise  
**Subject:** FW: City of Torrance Tree Ordinance Considerations

**From:** Furey, Pat  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 10:29 PM  
**To:** bob@3hoffman.com  
**Cc:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Re: City of Torrance Tree Ordinance Considerations

Robert:

Thank you for your letter concerning the agenda item concerning vegetation/view issues. I have forwarded it to the city clerk for inclusion in the meeting agenda for discussion.

Pat Furey  
Sent from my iPad

On Oct 20, 2014, at 9:32 PM, "[bob@3hoffman.com](mailto:bob@3hoffman.com)" <[bob@3hoffman.com](mailto:bob@3hoffman.com)> wrote:

Attached is a letter regarding City Council Meeting Agenda Item on October 21, 2014 related to a proposed Tree Ordinance for the City of Torrance.

thank you,

Bob Hoffman  
109 via Sevilla  
Redondo Beach, CA 90277  
[bob@3hoffman.com](mailto:bob@3hoffman.com)  
310-874-2638

<Bob Hoffman Letter to City Council on Tree Ordinance (10-20-14).pdf>

**Robert D. Hoffman  
109 via Sevilla  
Redondo Beach, CA 90277**

October 20, 2014

Honorable Mayor  
and Members of the City Council  
City of Torrance  
3031 Torrance Blvd  
Torrance, CA 90503:

**Subject: Consideration for Tree Ordinance for the Hillside Overlay District**

Dear Mayor Furey and City Council Members:

I appreciate City Council and Community Development Staff efforts on how to address view impacts from trees and vegetation. I am sorry I will not be able to attend the City Council meeting on October 21, 2014 when the subject of a Tree Ordinance is presented.

I am a former officer of the Riviera Homeowners Association as well as former Chairman of the Torrance Water Commission and have an appreciation for government process and regulations. Having successfully re-built a home in the Hillside Overlay District of the Hollywood Riviera, I have experienced firsthand how the Hillside Overlay Ordinance can pit neighbor-against-neighbor and what it takes to achieve compromise and reasonable outcomes.

As former and current members of Torrance City Council and City staff have learned over the years, tree ordinances can be challenging to administer and even more challenging to enforce, with potential for protracted legal process related to property rights. Local regulations, like the Hillside Overlay Ordinance, are intentionally vague to allow applicants, opponents, and City staff, Commissions, and if necessary, Council members to strive toward balanced and reasonable resolutions. It is difficult for any government agency to regulate individual property rights on matters that do not impact the general public. It should not be the role of City government to resolve all issues among individual property owners.

With the above in mind, I offer the following suggestions:

1. Any tree ordinance or tree and vegetation management regulation should be separate and unique from the Hillside Overlay Ordinance, which serves an entirely different purpose. However, it may be appropriate to provide direction to City Staff and Planning Commission interpretation latitude (within law) for the Hillside Overlay Ordinance to allow conditions of approval for a residential project to specify the types of trees or vegetation allowed in new construction landscape and maintenance of such trees or vegetation to minimize future view impacts.
2. Homeowner associations, in collaboration with City staff can develop general recommendations and guidelines on reasonable tree and vegetation management within a given community and provide designated officers to help mediate issues among neighbors. Involving City Commissions or Council should be a last resort. The City could consider

making available to Homeowners Associations staff or external mediators to assist in resolving tree and vegetation issues among neighbors.

3. Community members should demonstrate that they exhausted all possible means of resolutions before bringing a tree/view issue before City staff, Commissioners, or Council members. This includes having homeowners associations work with both neighbors, rather than taking the role of representing the opponent.
4. The cost of mitigating a view impact caused by trees or vegetation should be borne by the individual(s) seeking such mitigation. If a tree or vegetation issue related to view impacts from a private property owner on an individual or small group of property owners is brought to the Planning Commission or appealed to City Council, the cost of City Staff or outside services should be fully borne by the applicant pursuing relief from such a view impact.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

*Robert D. Hoffman*

109 via Sevilla  
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

**Cessna, Linda**

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**From:** Gibson, Jeff  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2014 7:53 AM  
**To:** Cessna, Linda  
**Subject:** FW: Hillside Overview Vegetation Ordinance

**From:** Jackson, LeRoy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2014 7:52 AM  
**To:** Gibson, Jeff  
**Subject:** FW: Hillside Overview Vegetation Ordinance

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Maggie Love [mailto:maggielove@Verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2014 7:24 AM  
**To:** Furey, Pat; Ashcraft, Heidi; Barnett, Gene; Rizzo, Geoffrey; Goodrich, Tim; Weideman, Kurt; Griffiths, Mike; Jackson, LeRoy  
**Subject:** Hillside Overview Vegetation Ordinance

Dear Mayor Furey, City Council Members and Mr. Jackson,

I am writing in support of the council continuing to investigate and hopefully establish a vegetation ordinance for the hillside overlay area in the city. During the almost 35 years that my husband and I have lived in the Riveria we have seen the vegetation reach new heights as well as the frustration and sometimes enmity between neighbors. While I am aware that this is type of ordinance is highly controversial we look to our elected officials to help resolve pressing issues our community regardless of the controversy or effort that is required by the leaders to lead. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Margaretta Love

**Cessna, Linda**

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**From:** Gibson, Jeff  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2014 7:53 AM  
**To:** Cessna, Linda  
**Subject:** FW: view ordinance being discussed at Tuesday's city council meeting  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jackson, LeRoy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2014 6:14 AM  
**To:** Gibson, Jeff  
**Subject:** FW: view ordinance being discussed at Tuesday's city council meeting

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**From:** Ashcraft, Heidi  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 10:16 PM  
**To:** Jackson, LeRoy  
**Subject:** FW: view ordinance being discussed at Tuesday's city council meeting

Hi LeRoy, this lady sent me this email after I replied to her I received her email about the vegetation ordinance.

Heidi

**From:** Jenna Christensen <jennachristensen@verizon.net<mailto:jennachristensen@verizon.net>>  
**Date:** Monday, October 20, 2014 5:50 PM  
**To:** Heidi Ashcraft <hashcraft@torranceCA.gov<mailto:hashcraft@torranceCA.gov>>  
**Subject:** RE: view ordinance being discussed at Tuesday's city council meeting

Appreciate it.

My assistant pulled up the addresses of the council people and I believe 1 or 2 came back. I'm sure the city website has the most recent data???

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From: Ashcraft, Heidi [mailto:HAshcraft@TorranceCA.gov]  
 Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 5:33 PM  
 To: Jenna Christensen  
 Subject: Re: view ordinance being discussed at Tuesday's city council meeting

Dear Ms. Christensen,  
 Thank you for your email, I will take your concern into consideration.  
 Heidi Ashcraft  
 Torrance City Council

From: Jenna Christensen <jennachristensen@verizon.net<mailto:jennachristensen@verizon.net>>  
 Date: Monday, October 20, 2014 3:05 PM  
 To: "Furey, Pat" <PFurey@TorranceCA.gov<mailto:PFurey@TorranceCA.gov>>  
 Cc: Heidi Ashcraft <hashcraft@torranceCA.gov<mailto:hashcraft@torranceCA.gov>>, "gbarnett@torranceca.org<mailto:gbarnett@torranceca.org>" <gbarnett@torranceca.org<mailto:gbarnett@torranceca.org>>, "tgoodrich@torranceca.org<mailto:tgoodrich@torranceca.org>" <tgoodrich@torranceca.org<mailto:tgoodrich@torranceca.org>>, "mgriffiths@torranceca.org<mailto:mgriffiths@torranceca.org>" <mgriffiths@torranceca.org<mailto:mgriffiths@torranceca.org>>, "grizzo@torranceca.org<mailto:grizzo@torranceca.org>" <grizzo@torranceca.org<mailto:grizzo@torranceca.org>>, "kweideman@torranceca.org<mailto:kweideman@torranceca.org>" <kweideman@torranceca.org<mailto:kweideman@torranceca.org>>  
 Subject: view ordinance being discussed at Tuesday's city council meeting

Dear Mayor and councilmen and woman,  
 I am not able to attend the meeting Tuesday as I will be in San Diego at a real estate seminar.  
 I want to voice my opinion as it seems a lot of people who are in favor of a view ordinance as it relates to trees impeding their views are very vocal.  
 I live on a hillside across the street from the view side which means I have neighbors behind me who may or may not have views depending on the landscaping which neighbors on my side of the street have put in over the years. Currently I have a one-story home directly above me and I've not planted any trees as there is a flat area at the top of the hill which means that home is set back a bit and is not visible from my yard, nor can they see down into my garden. Were they to build a second story, my privacy will be completely gone. I personally don't care much about having a view however, my privacy is paramount to the enjoyment of my home and garden which is a huge part of my life, passion and the reason I bought this home almost 20 years ago. I have considered putting trees in to preserve my privacy in the case of potential future development above me but with the situation the way it has been, I didn't feel a need to do so. I'm re-evaluating that stance as my right to privacy is at least as valid as someone's 'right' to a view. Knowing that the process of creating an ordinance to protect views takes some time, I have the option to add any kind of landscaping I wish and feel pushed to do so sooner than I might have in order to protect myself from a 2-story home looming over me. Please take my viewpoint into consideration as you evaluate whether to push forward with this idea.  
 Sincerely,

Jenna Christensen

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**Cessna, Linda**

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**From:** Gibson, Jeff  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 3:26 PM  
**To:** Cessna, Linda  
**Subject:** FW: VIEW ORDINANCE

Etc....

**From:** Jackson, LeRoy  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 3:03 PM  
**To:** Gibson, Jeff  
**Subject:** FW: VIEW ORDINANCE

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [PeggyKay@aol.com](mailto:PeggyKay@aol.com) [<mailto:PeggyKay@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 2:59 PM  
**To:** Furey, Pat; Ashcraft, Heidi; Weideman, Kurt; Barnett, Gene; Rizzo, Geoffrey; Goodrich, Tim; Griffiths, Mike; Jackson, LeRoy  
**Cc:** [rl7730@aol.com](mailto:rl7730@aol.com)  
**Subject:** VIEW ORDINANCE

Please implement a tree ordinance in Torrance.

We have lived in our home Since 1973. When we added a room onto our house we did it within Art Jury and Hillside Ordinance requirements. It was a small add on in 1974 in front of house. We and most of our neighbors have been respectful of others regarding trees.

On several occasions we have paid to have a neighbors tree trimmed as they claimed a hardship but were agreeable to being neighborly and allowing us to keep our views.

Several years ago on one of our neighborly meetings it was suggested we get an tree ordinance as Rancho Palos Verdes and Rolling Hills Estates .

Please hear our request and join the neighboring cities of RPV and RHE.

Unfortunately, my husband and I are unable to attend the October 21 meeting due to a death in the family and funeral in Northern California. I can be reached on my cell 310-780-4032 or text.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy and Richard Maddox  
 627 Camino De Encanto  
 Redondo Beach, CA 90277  
 310-375-6062

**Cessna, Linda**

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**From:** Poirier, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 2:21 PM  
**To:** Cessna, Linda  
**Cc:** Semana , Gina  
**Subject:** FW: Tree/View Ordinance

For your supplemental.

**From:** Karen Funes [mailto:kwfunes@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 12:51 PM  
**To:** Poirier, Rebecca  
**Subject:** Tree/View Ordinance

Dear Ms Poirier,,

As a resident in the Hollywood Riviera on the Hillside Overlay, I am concerned about the tree growth and view blockage. I love trees and maintaining a natural environment. However, I feel that if tree growth impairs your view, and your home loses value as a result, there should be some options for action to regain the view for the homeowner. City trees, such as the Brazilian Pepper Trees, should be maintained by the city and topped on a regular basis.

Perhaps the homeowner whose property contains the trees could have a meeting with the homeowner whose view is being impaired or completely lost. It would seem reasonable that the tree should be not removed, but topped regularly- with both homeowners sharing the cost.

I hope the vote this Tuesday night reflects this position. Many of my neighbors share these feelings as they watch unmanaged tree growth obscure their once lovely, valuable city and ocean views.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Karen Funes

**Cessna, Linda**

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**From:** CDD Info  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 11:09 AM  
**To:** CDD Div Head  
**Subject:** FW: View Ordinance

**Importance:** High

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**From:** bergcoleen@yahoo.com [mailto:bergcoleen@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 10:09 AM  
**To:** CDD Info  
**Subject:** View Ordinance

Good morning Jeff. my name is Coleen Berg and I am the mediator who contracts with Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates and Beverly Hills. I also helped Malibu write their Ordinance.

I read in the paper the view issue will be addressed at tomorrows meeting, I am hoping to attend. With 10 years of experience mediating view issues exclusively, I have extensive knowledge of the issues you are tackling. As a lifelong resident of Torrance, not in the over-lay area, I would be happy to assist my city counsel in any way I can. If you feel I can be of any assistance please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Coleen Berg

Sent from Windows Mail

**Cessna, Linda**

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**From:** Semana , Gina on behalf of City Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 10:39 AM  
**To:** Cessna, Linda  
**Cc:** Aoki, Denise  
**Subject:** FW: City Council Discussion on Tree Ordinance on Tuesday, Oct 21,2014

-----Original Message-----

From: Goodrich, Tim  
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 10:38 AM  
To: City Clerk  
Subject: FW: City Council Discussion on Tree Ordinance on Tuesday, Oct 21,2014

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From: Bhushan Bhatt [blbhatt@gmail.com]  
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 10:21 AM  
To: Ashcraft, Heidi; Barnett, Gene; Goodrich, Tim; Griffiths, Mike; Rizzo, Geoffrey; Weideman, Kurt; Bhushan Bhatt  
Subject: City Council Discussion on Tree Ordinance on Tuesday, Oct 21,2014

Honorable City Council Members,

I am a resident of Torrance. I am in support of the legislation that would prevent planting of trees and/or other vegetation that blocks the views. Such actions, on the part of some residents, are utterly uncalled for. When we first buy the property, we pay a huge premium for the views. Then after a while when vegetation appears and blocks the views, one feels cheated for having paid exorbitantly for the very views that no longer exist. Sometimes these are just "spite trees" when one neighbor wants to get back at his/her neighbors. It is important that the Torrance City Council enacts legislation against this nonsense. Other communities in our neighborhood have successfully enacted such legislation. Why not Torrance? Thanks for your consideration.

Bhushan Bhatt  
635 Paseo De La Playa,  
Torrance, CA 90277

**Cessna, Linda**

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**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 10:38 AM  
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**Subject:** FW: TREE ORDINANCE

*Gina*

Gina Semana  
 Acting Deputy City Clerk  
 City of Torrance | 3031 Torrance Boulevard | Torrance CA 90503 | 310.618.2873 voice | 310.618.2931 fax |  
[GSemana@TorranceCA.Gov](mailto:GSemana@TorranceCA.Gov) | [www.TorranceCA.Gov](http://www.TorranceCA.Gov)

**From:** Furey, Pat  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 10:24 AM  
**To:** suewilma@aol.com  
**Cc:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Re: TREE ORDINANCE

Thank you for your email concerning the discussion on a possible view ordinance. I have forwarded a copy of it to the city clerk to include in our agenda for consideration.

Patrick J. Furey  
 Mayor  
 City of Torrance  
 Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 20, 2014, at 9:13 AM, "[suewilma@aol.com](mailto:suewilma@aol.com)" <[suewilma@aol.com](mailto:suewilma@aol.com)> wrote:

**You may recall when you delivered your 4 election posters to my home on Calle de Aragon you told me you supported and would protect the Hillside Ordinance. It is an issue which is very importance to us as 44-year residents of the Hollywood Riviera.**

**Unfortunately, we will be out of town on Tuesday, 10/21, and cannot attend the City Council meeting to voice our opinions but hope you will follow your pre-election position and help us establish a Hillside Tree Ordinance that will protect our view.**

**Thank you so much.**

**Lois Hendrix/Wilma Herrick  
 430 Calle de Aragon  
 Redondo Beach, Ca.  
 (310) 373-3450**

**Cessna, Linda**

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**From:** Semana , Gina on behalf of City Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 10:38 AM  
**To:** Cessna, Linda  
**Cc:** Aoki, Denise  
**Subject:** FW: Tree Ordinance issue for 10/21

-----Original Message-----

From: Furey, Pat  
 Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 10:22 AM  
 To: Vicki Radel  
 Cc: City Clerk  
 Subject: Re: Tree Ordinance issue for 10/21

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Patrick J. Furey  
 Mayor  
 City of Torrance  
 Sent from my iPhone

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> Therefore I urge you to implement a tree ordinance in the city of Torrance ASAP.

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> Respectfully,

> Dr Vicki Radel

> 515 Camino de Encanto

> Redondo Beach, CA

> 90277

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**Cessna, Linda**

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**From:** Semana , Gina on behalf of City Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 10:37 AM  
**To:** Cessna, Linda  
**Cc:** Aoki, Denise  
**Subject:** FW: Tree Ordinance issue for 10/21

*Gina*

Gina Semana  
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**From:** Furey, Pat  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 10:21 AM  
**To:** Lee Ann Hart  
**Cc:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Re: Tree Ordinance issue for 10/21

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Patrick J. Furey  
 Mayor  
 City of Torrance  
 Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 20, 2014, at 10:17 AM, "Lee Ann Hart" <[lahart5@gmail.com](mailto:lahart5@gmail.com)> wrote:

Members of the Torrance City Council:

I am writing to you as a long term homeowner in the city of Torrance to ask you to **support a Tree Ordinance for Torrance.**

Those of us with valuable "view" property deserve to have our investment and quality of life supported and protected.

Thank you for considering putting such a protection in place as they have done in Rolling Hills Estates.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ann Hart  
 3868 Newton Street  
 Torrance, Ca 90505

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Respectfully,  
Dr Vicki Radel  
515 Camino de Encanto  
Redondo Beach, CA  
90277

**Cessna, Linda**

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**From:** Semana , Gina on behalf of City Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 8:49 AM  
**To:** Cessna, Linda  
**Cc:** Aoki, Denise  
**Subject:** FW: Hillside Overlay, October 21, 2014

-----Original Message-----

From: Furey, Pat  
 Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 6:44 AM  
 To: Gigi Gonzalez  
 Cc: City Clerk  
 Subject: Re: Hillside Overlay, October 21, 2014

Thank you for your email concerning the discussion on a possible view ordinance. I have forwarded a copy of it to the city clerk to include in our agenda for consideration.

Patrick J. Furey  
 Mayor  
 City of Torrance  
 Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 19, 2014, at 11:19 AM, "Gigi Gonzalez" <ggonzalez310@me.com> wrote:

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> To Whom It May Concern:

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> I am in favor of the Hillside Over-Lay. I believe it to be fair and a good ordinance to continue in our wonderful community.

> I urge you to vote in favor of the Tree Ordinance.

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> If you allow one homeowner to install a tall hedge , or fast growing trees around their property to give them (their) privacy you then take away the views of other homeowners. In my opinion, opening the door for future homeowners to do the same. The out come would change the face of our lovely community.

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> I do not benefit from this directly and there is no one in front of me that can block my views. This is my opinion and my outlook for what is fair and best for the future.

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> Thank you for your consideration,

> Gigi (Virginia) Gonzalez

> 108 Palos Verdes Blvd

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> Redondo Beach, CA 90277

**Cessna, Linda**

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**From:** Semana , Gina on behalf of City Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 8:49 AM  
**To:** Cessna, Linda  
**Cc:** Aoki, Denise  
**Subject:** FW: View Impairment from Trees and Vegetation

**From:** Furey, Pat  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 6:43 AM  
**To:** Chris Jensen  
**Cc:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Re: View Impairment from Trees and Vegetation

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Patrick J. Furey  
 Mayor  
 City of Torrance  
 Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 19, 2014, at 4:07 PM, "Chris Jensen" <[ccjmd@hotmail.com](mailto:ccjmd@hotmail.com)> wrote:

Dear City Council Members,

While the current situation is imperfect, laws, rules, regulations and hearings won't help people do what they really need to do and that is to openly communicate, empathize and compromise. Civil and respectful conversations with your neighbors, even if you initially disagree, is really the only option. Our neighbors are good people and it is important to focus each party's valid concerns. Living in a community requires that we communicate and try to see our neighbor's point of view.

There may be some people that don't properly maintain their trees and vegetation. There are many options for this situation. You could show them the impact the trees are having on the view. You could offer to pay for the tree trimming. You could agree to meet half way, e.g., agree to trim the tree every other year, trim the tree to some compromise height, etc. Many of these compromises have been used for years by my neighbors.

While a view has a value, so does a majestic well-maintained tree. A 60 or 70 year old tree cannot be replaced. Once it is gone, there is no recovery in our lifetime. The trees and vegetation are a necessary home for a diversity of wildlife that enhances our lives. I want my kids to see this nature. In addition, being able to climb a tree is a universal skill for any American child.

For those concerned about global warming, a tree goes a long way to decreasing one's carbon footprint.

As far as general impact goes, the ubiquitous ugly telephone poles with their grey transformers and thick black multi tiered lines cause much more view degradation in our community than does vegetation.

We have been down this path before. The current process of incessant hearings every time anyone wants to update their property, even for trivial changes, has made no one happy. It is expensive, time consuming, creates animosity, can involve litigation, causes bad behavior and creates barriers to open communication and compromise. It has very much harmed our community. Let us not make this mistake again.

For these reasons and more, I don't support a view ordinance.

Thank you,

Chris Jensen  
210 Calle de Sirenas  
Redondo Beach, CA

**Cessna, Linda**

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**From:** Semana , Gina on behalf of City Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 8:48 AM  
**To:** Cessna, Linda  
**Cc:** Aoki, Denise  
**Subject:** FW: Tree Ordinance.

-----Original Message-----

From: Furey, Pat  
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 6:42 AM  
To: sandycraig  
Cc: City Clerk  
Subject: Re: Tree Ordinance.

Thank you for your email concerning the discussion on a possible view ordinance. I have forwarded a copy of it to the city clerk to include in our agenda for consideration.

Patrick J. Furey  
Mayor  
City of Torrance  
Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 19, 2014, at 5:29 PM, "sandycraig" <sandycraig1@yahoo.com> wrote:

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> Sent from my iPad We need an inexpensive tree ordinance especially in Hollywood Riviera. Thank you.  
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**Cessna, Linda**

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**From:** Semana , Gina on behalf of City Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 8:47 AM  
**To:** Cessna, Linda  
**Cc:** Aoki, Denise  
**Subject:** FW: Tree Ordinance

-----Original Message-----

From: Goodrich, Tim  
Sent: Sunday, October 19, 2014 7:19 PM  
To: City Clerk  
Subject: FW: Tree Ordinance

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From: Sheila Brewster [shebrew@aol.com]  
Sent: Sunday, October 19, 2014 6:33 PM  
To: Goodrich, Tim  
Subject: Tree Ordinance

We strongly support a Tree Ordinance!  
Sheila and George Brewster

**Cessna, Linda**

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**From:** Gibson, Jeff  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 8:01 AM  
**To:** Cessna, Linda; Lodan, Gregg; Santana, Danny  
**Subject:** FW: Tree Ordinance

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jackson, LeRoy  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 19, 2014 8:13 PM  
**To:** Gibson, Jeff; COUNCIL2  
**Subject:** FW: Tree Ordinance

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**From:** Sheila Brewster [shebrew@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 19, 2014 6:46 PM  
**To:** Jackson, LeRoy  
**Subject:** Tree Ordinance

Hi LeRoy,

George and I have been strongly in favor of a Tree Ordinance for years! George tried to get one started in the 70's, and each City Council since then has disappointed us.

Sheila and George Brewster

**Cessna, Linda**

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**From:** Gibson, Jeff  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 8:01 AM  
**To:** Cessna, Linda; Lodan, Gregg; Santana, Danny  
**Subject:** FW: Tree ordinance, Item 10A Oct 21

Fyi...for item

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jackson, LeRoy  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 19, 2014 8:14 PM  
**To:** Gibson, Jeff  
**Subject:** FW: Tree ordinance, Item 10A Oct 21

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**From:** Keith Arnold [arnoldkeith38@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 19, 2014 12:39 PM  
**To:** Furey, Pat; Ashcraft, Heidi; Barnett, Gene; Rizzo, Geoffrey; Goodrich, Tim; Weideman, Kurt; Griffiths, Mike; Jackson, LeRoy  
**Subject:** Tree ordinance, Item 10A Oct 21

My wife and I, senior citizens and retired physicians, own a condominium (15 years) in a 16 unit building at 163 Paseo De La Concha, with a 180 degree view of the ocean.

The lady who owns and rents out apartments in her two story home directly in front of our complex has deliberately allowed trees, as they grow, to progressively block our view.

We have talked with her and even tried arbitration to have her cut them back but she refuses to come to arbitration meetings, and admits to deliberately trying to block the view from our building.

A sick 83 year old lady and several other owners in our building and the building next to us, are similarly affected.

We respectfully request that an ordinance be passed.

Keith Arnold MD  
Muoi Arnold MD

**Cessna, Linda**

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**From:** Gibson, Jeff  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 8:00 AM  
**To:** Cessna, Linda; Lodan, Gregg; Santana, Danny  
**Subject:** FW: View Equity Ordinance for the Hillside Overlay District

Fyi...for item

**From:** Judy B [mailto:judyfrooti@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 19, 2014 9:20 PM  
**To:** Furey, Pat; Ashcraft, Heidi; Barnett, Gene; Griffiths, Mike; Goodrich, Tim; Rizzo, Geoffrey; Weideman, Kurt; Jackson, LeRoy; Gibson, Jeff  
**Subject:** View Equity Ordinance for the Hillside Overlay District

Dear Mayor Furey, City Council Members, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Gibson,

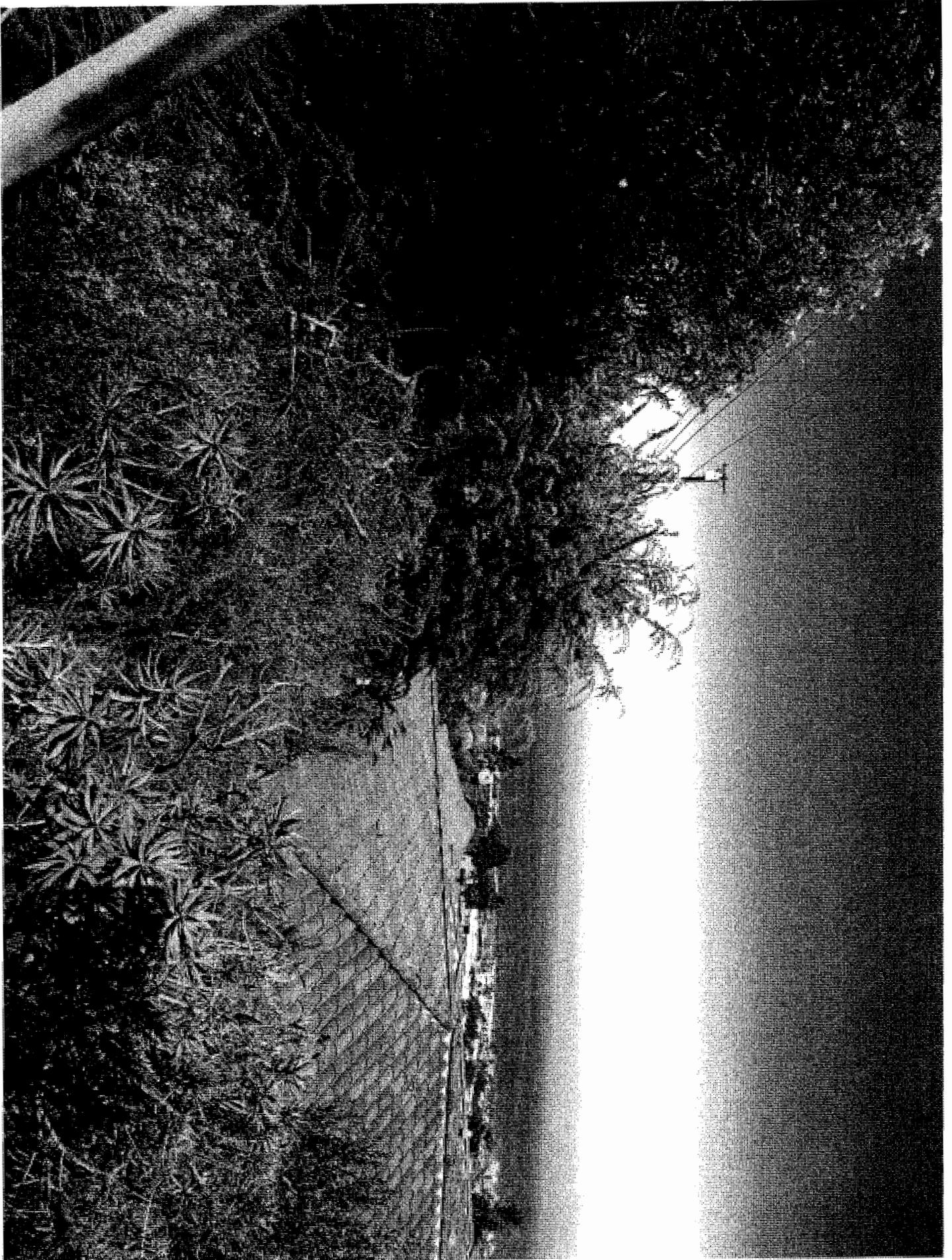
On behalf of the Riviera Homeowners Association and many residents of the Hillside Overlay district, I can say I am happy to see that city staff is recommending further discussion of the tree/view issue at this week's City Council meeting.

Homeowners in the Hillside Overlay have long been troubled by view obstruction from foliage and trees. Many homes in the Riviera have beautiful ocean or city views which are protected from encroaching construction by the Hillside Overlay Ordinance. However, they have no protection from a neighbor who allows his trees to become overgrown and unmaintained. Every homeowner has a right to plant a tree, but when the trees become 40 feet tall, they intrude on the neighboring homeowners view and property.

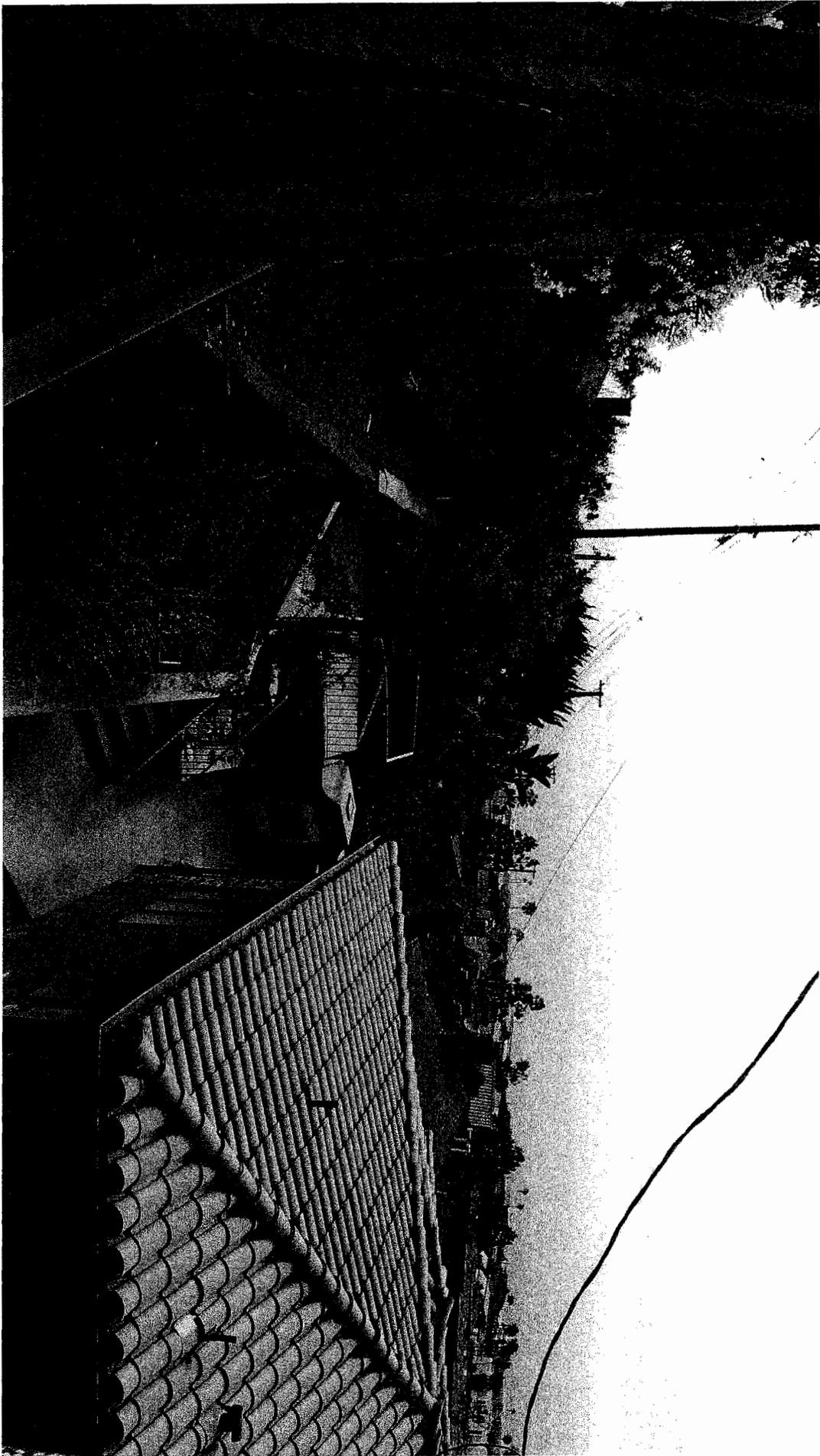
We are seeking a fair process to resolve these conflicts. We think that the answer may be in the "View Equity" Ordinance of the City of Rolling Hills Estates. This ordinance recognizes the needs of both tree owners and view seekers, and tries to find a satisfactory solution for both parties. Of course, it is impossible to make both sides completely happy 100% of the time, but we feel if an ordinance is fair and the law is consistently applied, then people will agree to abide by the ordinance.

This matter greatly affects residents' property values, beauty of their homes and private enjoyment of their homes. We hope you will carefully consider the issue and agree to an ordinance that will give residents an opportunity to maintain their homes and neighborhoods in our beautiful city.

Thank you  
 Judy Brunetti, co-president, Riviera Homeowners Association







Monday October 20, 2014

Mayor Patrick Furey

Councilwoman Heidi Ashcraft  
 Councilman Gene Barnett  
 Councilman Mike Griffiths

Councilman Tim Goodrich  
 Councilman Geoff Rizzo  
 Councilman Kurt Weideman

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I sent to our Mayor and City Council last year just prior to the November 2013 elections.

The City Council has avoided addressing the tree ordinance issue for over 50 years. Other cities have view/tree ordinances that work. We can too. A view ordinance does not mean no trees - it just means no 200 foot eucalyptus trees.

A home is probably the single biggest investment most people will ever make and in the Hollywood Riviera, views are a huge part of the value of our homes. When the City or another resident plants trees that obscure our views our home is devalued by tens of thousands of dollars.

However, views are not just about dollars and cents. It's about the joy we feel every day when we look out and see the ocean or the city.

Again - I ask you to imagine your own home ... and how you would feel if the City or a neighbor legally took away something that gave you a great deal of pleasure and at the same time, devalued your home.

I urge each of you to consider how very much this means to so many of us and to please vote in favor of establishing an ordinance to protect our views.

Sincerely,



Shirley McNair  
 345 Calle Mayor  
 Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Cell: (310) 259-7453

CC: Riviera Homeowners Association

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Tuesday October 15, 2013

Mayor Frank Scotto

Councilman Gene Barnett  
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Councilman Pat Furey

Councilman Cliff Nimark  
Councilman Bill Sutherland  
Council Kurt Weideman

In the September issue of the Riviera Reporter, it was stated that City Council members asked if there is still interest in a view Ordinance.

My husband has advanced Parkinsons so I am unable to speak on behalf of a view ordinance at a Council meeting ... therefore I'm writing this letter. My name is Shirley McNair and I have lived at 345 Calle Mayor for 30 years.

Sometime during the mid-1950's the City of Torrance planted thousands of eucalyptus trees throughout the Hollywood Riviera section of Torrance. These trees quickly became a view obstruction issue. The longevity of this issue is such that every City Council for the past 30 years has been asked for a view ordinance to prevent obstruction of views with trees.

For the residents on Calle Mayor, there are about 30 huge eucalyptus trees on the street below us which belong to the City of Torrance. The City does not keep these trees trimmed. The residents on Calle Mayor are allowed to trim these trees only by using the following procedures:

1. Obtain written permission from approximately 10 homeowners to trim 20 trees.  
Not everyone will give permission
2. Go to City and pay for a permit to trim 20 trees
3. Hire tree trimming company at a cost of about 4 thousand dollars
4. Ask Calle Mayor homeowners to share cost. Everyone either can't or doesn't want to share cost. Four thousand dollars is a lot of money
5. Start all over again the next year  
The lady who did this for us is very ill and can no longer do it

I'm old enough to realize that life is not always fair or reasonable or even rational but this situation seems beyond outrageous to almost bizarre.

We would have stunning bay and city views if not for the City's trees. Imagine your own home and how you would feel if the City or a neighbor did something that took away something that gave you a great deal of pleasure and devalued your home by tens of thousands of dollars.

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The really frustating part of this issue is that it is possible to have BOTH trees and views which is why we so badly need a view ordinance which controls the height of trees

Everyone knows you can't fight City Hall but hopefully we can join together with them to resolve a 50 year old problem.

Sincerely yours



Shirley McNair  
345 Calle Mayor  
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

cell: (310) 259-7453

cc: Riviers Homeowners Association