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Dear Planning Commission staff,

I am writing in regards to the proposed tree and woodland protection ordinance (ORD21-0001). As a 50 year resident of Sonoma County, I have watched as our landscape has changed as a result of population growth and the changes and expansion of agriculture. While I am always sad to see natural areas taken out, I also understand that there is a balance that has to be found between the needs of natural flora and fauna and the needs of man. Now, with the onset of global warming and rapid climate change, that balance needs to be rethought and rethought right now. Trees sequester CO2 and mature trees and forests sequester the most CO2 and at a higher rate than saplings. Trees also reduce temperatures, add water vapor to the atmosphere, and support wildlife. We need to take a Time Out from authorizing further tree removals from any development, especially removal of mature trees or removals of sections of mature forests. Business as usual cannot continue at this time because we are in a climate emergency. We all share the same atmosphere and the same need for water, if we don't do what is necessary now, Sonoma County may become unlivable in the future.

Sincerely,

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