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Dear Sonoma County Commissioners and Staff,

Tomorrow is your meeting to discuss **woodland/trees, item number 2 and ORD21-0001**. At this point, a tree protection ordinance is of utmost priority and importance to me as your constituent. I would like to put my vote in and demand you put a TIME OUT to Tree Removal in Sonoma County, most especially for new "land development." It is time the Planning Commissioners create a strong and expansive ordinance for tree & forest protection and create an extensive plan for ecological security. The loss of forest is something we cannot afford for our climate, air, and water security and safety. During recent international climate summits, International Criminal Court hearings, and other international and UN meetings, **ecocide** has become a more widely discussed topic as a crime against peace. At this point, ten countries now recognize Ecocide as a crime within their borders. "Activities that might constitute ecocide in these nations include substantially damaging or destroying [ecosystems](#) or by harming the health and well-being of a [species](#), including humans." It is not considered an international crime yet, but there are many leaders in the school of law creating the documentation to submit this into law in the near future. I share this information as a way of showing how not only important for environmental protection this act of saving trees/forests/and other lands is, but also that it is an issue of peace. On November 4th, at 1:30pm, please think of what that means to you. Peace is protecting these trees, and having a strong and meaningful ordinance that will hold up as many companies and corporations attempt to amend it or find a way around it. I put my faith in your Planning Commission, to do the right thing, what your constituents want, which is to have local environmental advocacy, on all our behalf.

I CALL FOR A TIME OUT OF TREE REMOVAL, AND FOR GETTING AN ORDINANCE ON YOUR AGENDA RIGHT AWAY.

Please email me if you would like to discuss this further. I am available Monday through Friday. I work with children in Sonoma County as an outdoor educator, and I need to know you are keeping the children in mind, as you make decisions that will effect our land and water for generations to come.

Sincerely,
Kristine Norton

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