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McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Victor Caballero
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 7:33 PM
To: Reyes, David
Cc: Hampton, Tyron; Márquez, Miguel; Avedian, Varoojan; Jones, Justin; Cole, Rick; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Lyon, Jason; PublicComment-AutoResponse; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica
Subject: Re: State of PWP EV DC Fast Charging in Pasadena May 2025

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I want to let you know I went to Victory Park tonight and while all the DC Fast chargers did not work, it is encouraging to see new visible signage. I called to report two vehicles blocking fast chargers and not charging.

How can we get parking enforcement to making regular rounds at these locations and enforce. Other than reporting violations is there anything I can do to be supportive?

Regards,
Victor

On Mon, May 19, 2025 at 11:27 AM Reyes, David <davidreyes@cityofpasadena.net> wrote:

Hi Victor,

Thanks for taking time to write this email.

As of Thursday, of last week, out of **288** total chargers we had **23** that were not working. I recognize that you are focused of the fast chargers, where the percentage of non-operable chargers is much higher. We are working on multiple contracts for repairs, new installations and ongoing maintenance. We have a company on retainer performing work now, but hope to have multiple companies very soon.

As far as the cost, we are currently going through a rate study and the cost will likely be increased. I will ask staff to take a look at the signage issue.

Happy to provide update on number of chargers at end of week and are website will be upgraded very soon so that downed chargers will be shown and updated. This has been an issue where one charger is fixed and another goes down so that we are constantly chasing it.

Thank you,

David

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

From: Victor Caballero

Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 10:49 AM

To: Reyes, David <davidreyes@cityofpasadena.net>

Cc: Hampton, Tyron <THampton@cityofpasadena.net>; Márquez, Miguel

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Justin <justinjones@cityofpasadena.net>; Cole, Rick <rcole@cityofpasadena.net>; Gordo, Victor

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Mr. Reyes,

Good morning.

As of this morning the state of PWP DC Fast charging is no better and actually worse.

For instance

Robinson Park, only 2 of 5 DC Fast chargers work. One of the 5 is on but does not work.

Victory Park , 1 out of 3 DC Fast chargers works.

Del Mar, 1 of 2 DC Fast chargers works.

Shopper's Lane as of last week it appeared less than half the ports worked. The ports that showed as working, the connector would not work, or the credit card machines did not register.

Obviously this is unsustainable and unacceptable.

Could you please provide an update on where we stand with DC Fast charging in Pasadena?

Also, I want to bring to your attention the inconsistencies in the parking signage at EV parking locations with Del Mar being the most confusing and other locations many not having any signage. But at least Del Mar has signage.

As a rule and common practice is to have a time limit of 30min, or charge 80%. There should be overstay fees implemented. and also CVC

22511 needs to be posted and enforced, if not posted it cannot be enforced.

And, the rates charged at PWP chargers are the lowest around, perhaps to help fund maintenance and abuse, the rates should be comparable

while still be competitive with other EV charging. Nobody charges 20

cents/kWh, let alone 15 cents/kWh unless it is free...For comparison Burbank BWP is .37 cents per kWh on DC Fast Charging and 22 cents/kWh on L2 charging. Tesla is 36 cents per kWh on the lower end and 54 cents/kWh or more.

PWP needs reliable charging if it is going to be in the game, and competitive pricing that is sustainable, but so far it has been a failure. I sure hope PWP can turn this around, otherwise it needs to partner with a provider who can deliver a reliable, consistent and competitive service.

The best analogy I can draw is that PWP is trying to operate gas stations and most of the gas pumps are broken or off. Imagine what people who rely on EV's feel like trying to use the PWP chargers?

I look forward to an update.

Regards,

Victor

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: cityclerk
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 10:45 PM
To: Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette (Netta); Soo, Christine; Ashikyan, Elizabeth; Padilla, Adrian
Subject: FW: Request for EV-Friendly Electricity Rate Structure

From: Jordi Nadal
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 10:44:41 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: pwpcare@cityofpasadena.net <pwpcare@cityofpasadena.net>; cityclerk <cityclerk@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: Request for EV-Friendly Electricity Rate Structure

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2. Expand the base tier usage limit for verified EV owners.
3. Offer separate metering or dedicated EV rates to avoid penalizing clean energy users.

Pasadena has a great opportunity to be a leader in sustainable policy—not just in rebates but in equitable utility practices. I hope you'll consider adjusting the rate structure to better align with the city's environmental goals.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Best regards,

Jordi Nadal

Pasadena Resident

From: [Jordi Nadal](#)
To: pwpcare@cityofpasadena.net; [cityclerk](#)
Subject: Request for EV-Friendly Electricity Rate Structure
Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025 10:44:58 PM

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Jordi Nadal

Pasadena Resident

From: [Cynthia Cannady](#)
To: [Gao, Beilei](#)
Cc: [Hampton, Tyron](#); [Jones, Justin](#); [Rick Cole](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [Reyes, David](#); [Márquez, Miquel](#)
Subject: Public comment for MSC Operating Budget agenda item today
Date: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 1:41:54 PM

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May 27, 2025

Where is the climate emergency in this proposed operating budget? I searched and I couldn't find it.

What I did see was the extra-large transfer from ratepayers to the city budget. (slide 7 shows a 58% increase from 2025 to 2026)

I did see 11 % growth in personnel costs in a single year. (see slide 7).

I did see that even though the cost of energy is down (see slide 10), and even though PWP had unusually high revenues, PWP wants to increase rates by 7.6 million (slide 18). This morning the local press is attributing this proposed rate increase to "green energy", an assumption that is incorrect since there's almost nothing in this budget that deals with that transition.

What I did *not* see were line items showing how PWP plans to implement the 100% carbon free portfolios that we paid consultants \$1.3 million dollars to model. After more than 2 years we still don't have a plan to implement Climate Emergency Resolution 9977. And even after the MSC and full Council gave clear direction to PWP this month to begin right away to develop the local solar resources that are required by the preferred portfolios, PWP is still delaying.

I was in Altadena over this past weekend, witnessing the empty blocks, the burned houses, the lone chimneys, the ashes on the sidewalk. I thought of the suffering of the people. I felt my own anxiety about fires and heat in our city. The climate emergency is real and it is now.

But this budget, and the CIP budget, are blind to the climate emergency and deaf to the calls of the people for local climate action.


We implore you to require staff to treat our situation like the climate emergency that it is. Reject this operating budget until staff addresses the climate emergency that we face.

Cynthia Cannady
Chairperson, PASADENA 100 Coalition

Robles, Sandra

From: cityclerk
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 1:29 PM
To: Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette (Netta); Soo, Christine; Ashikyan, Elizabeth; Padilla, Adrian
Subject: FW: Public Comment MSC May 27, Item 1.

From: _
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 1:29:04 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: Jones, Justin <justinjones@cityofpasadena.net>; Rick Cole <rick.cole@cityofpasadena.net>; Hampton, Tyron <THampton@cityofpasadena.net>; Lyon, Jason <jlyon@cityofpasadena.net>
Cc: cityclerk <cityclerk@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: Public Comment MSC May 27, Item 1.

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Electric Ratepayers are being asked to pay an additional \$10.5 million to the city's General Fund, an increase of 58% above the \$18 million transferred annually from the Power Fund to the General Fund, FY 2021 – FY 2024. In addition, there is a proposed \$7.6 million rate increase "primarily driven by capital revenue requirements." However, electric ratepayers already paid in advance for capital needs through aggressive monthly rate adjustments in 2023 and 2024, resulting in record net income for the Power Fund despite a reduction in usage.

The Power Fund 5-year Operating Summary, (PWP Annual Report FY 2024, page 13) states that in Fiscal Year 2024, retail revenues increased by \$30.6 million, even as total usage declined by 6%." Net Income reached a new high of \$78,967,000 due to increased revenue and reduced operating expense. On page 17, the report goes on to state that "with favorable prices, diligent cost control and proactive rate management, **FY 2024 has a favorable net income that is planned for future reinvestment in the system.**" [WAPD Annual-Report 2024.pdf](#)

Proactive rate management refers to the Power Fund's aggressive monthly adjustments to the Energy Charge (All kilowatt hours per month) for electric ratepayers. In one month from February to March 2023, there was an increase of 27.4% to the Energy Charge followed by smaller monthly increases. The table below compares PWP Winter and Summer energy charges before and after the initiation of monthly rate increases. The greatest Winter Rate increase is 59% from January 2023 to 2024. The greatest Summer Rate increase is 47% from June 2022 to 2024.

	Winter Rates		Summer Rates	
	1/1/2023	1/1/2024	6/1/2022	6/1/2023
Energy Charge	\$0.09127	\$0.14477	\$0.10053	\$0.13453
% increase		59%		34%
	1/1/2023	1/1/2025	6/1/2022	6/1/2024

Energy Charge	\$0.09127	\$0.12977	\$0.10053	\$0.14803
% Increase		42%		47%

The Power Fund’s record revenue increase in FY 2024 occurred despite a 6% decline in total energy usage. This revenue increase was due to the compounding of upward monthly Energy Charge adjustments referred to as “proactive rate management”. Pasadena Power’s FY 2024 record high net income was paid in advance by ratepayers and the “surplus” must be used to reinvest in the system as promised by PWP in their 2024 Annual Report.

WHERE IS THE PLAN TO ACHIEVE CARBON-FREE POWER IN 2030? SO-CALLED “SURPLUS REVENUE” WAS PAID IN ADVANCE BY RATEPAYERS AND SHOULD BE USED FOR THEIR DIRECT BENEFIT: CARBON-FREE, AFFORDABLE POWER IN 2030. PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE THE PROPOSED \$10.5 MILLION ADDITIONAL TRANSFER TO THE GENERAL FUND.

Sincerely,

Genette Foster
District 2

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: cityclerk
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2025 10:14 PM
To: Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette (Netta); Soo, Christine; Ashikyan, Elizabeth; Padilla, Adrian
Subject: FW: Update Pasadena Tree Ordinance

From: gfoster
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2025 10:13:50 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: cityclerk <cityclerk@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: Update Pasadena Tree Ordinance

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Please add an update to the Pasadena Tree Ordinance to one of the remaining June City Council agendas.


Trees make it pleasant to walk in our neighborhoods, they cool our homes, lower our utility bills, absorb greenhouse gases and make our city greener and more beautiful. In addition to planting more new trees, there must be better care of newly planted trees which need good staking and adequate water until they reach a sustainable size. I am horrified to see the sad condition of many struggling new trees which are not properly cared for by the city. New trees should be native California species, especially oaks which are better suited to our climate and more able to withstand difficult conditions, once established. Finally, tree pruning must be done with greater care. I see many mature street trees which have been "butchered" by careless trimming and will never recover. Tree service contracts should not be issued to the lowest bidder or tasks to untrained city staff. Crews must be supervised by qualified arborists to ensure survival of existing trees.

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: cityclerk
Sent: Friday, May 30, 2025 11:18 AM
To: Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette (Netta); Soo, Christine; Ashikyan, Elizabeth; Padilla, Adrian
Subject: FW: Pasadena's Tree Ordinance

From: Mishele Myers
Sent: Friday, May 30, 2025 11:17:38 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: cityclerk
Subject: Pasadena's Tree Ordinance

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Hello,

I'd like to request that you agendize an update for Pasadena's Tree Ordinance. Our trees are very important and need more attention.


Thank you,
Mishele Myers

Pasadena CA 91104

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Andrew Lin
Sent: Saturday, May 31, 2025 8:33 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse; Reyes, David; Márquez, Miguel
Subject: Disrepair of PWP DCFC EV Chargers in Pasadena

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Thank you,
Andrew

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: cityclerk
Sent: Sunday, June 1, 2025 4:27 PM
To: Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette (Netta); Soo, Christine; Ashikyan, Elizabeth; Padilla, Adrian
Subject: FW: Pasadena Tree Ordinance

From: Teresa Parsekian
Sent: Sunday, June 1, 2025 4:26:42 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: cityclerk <cityclerk@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: Pasadena Tree Ordinance

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Dear City Council,

As residents and homeowners in Pasadena, we support the planting of 400 young trees every year in Pasadena, knowing how much in provide shade, cools the city and cuts down on energy costs. We support increasing that number as well.

We also support the protection of existing older trees, knowing first hand the disappointment of the city cutting down a oak tree in from of our house that was 50 + years, that we feel could have been saved. The tree has sustained damage from winds the day of the fire in January but we had been told by the Forest Service with some expert care, the tree could be saved. Instead, the weekend we were out of town for our daughter's wedding, the tree was cut down. With an expert team from the city of Pasadena, perhaps that tree would have been saved. We support a team of arborists that work for the city that determine whether or not a tree needs to be destroyed or saved.


Thank you so much.

Richard and Teresa Parsekian

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: jenny yu
Sent: Sunday, June 1, 2025 9:44 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse; Reyes, David; Márquez, Miguel
Subject: Disrepair of PWP DCFC EV Chargers in Pasadena

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Thank you,

Sent from my iPhone

SONJA K. BERNDT
Pasadena, CA

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June 2, 2025

Mayor Victor Gordo
Members of the Pasadena City Council
Pasadena, CA
(By Email)
(By Email correspondence@cityofpasadena.net)

Re: City Council Meeting June 2, 2025, Agenda Item #12: The Recommended FY 2026 Housing Department Operating Budget

Dear Members of the City Council:

A. Introduction

I am a long-time resident of Pasadena and a longtime advocate for the unsheltered residents of our City. This letter is to express my deep concern about the FY 2026 Recommended Housing Department Operating Budget. Year after year, the Housing Department receives *de minimus* General Fund appropriations while the Pasadena Police Department (PPD) receives a grossly disproportionate level of General Fund appropriations. Critical services for our unhoused and especially our unsheltered residents are vastly underfunded because our Housing Department receives only “crumbs” from City-generated sources to serve our most vulnerable residents.

B. Critical Problems with the Housing Department’s Budget

1. Inadequate Funding from City-Generated Sources, Including the City’s General Fund

The Recommended FY 2026 Operating Budget shows the following appropriations from the General Fund:

- Police Department: \$111,285,954 (91.7% of its total proposed FY2026 appropriations)
- Housing Department: \$2,638,887 (2.4% of its total proposed FY2026 appropriations)

The Pasadena Homeless Count has not improved per Point-in-Time Homeless Counts (which the department recognizes is an undercount as compared to the annual homeless count).

- 2022 - total = 512; unsheltered = 280
- 2024 – total = 556; unsheltered = 321

Year after year our City fails to move the needle in the right direction because it fails to provide funding for any meaningful interim and permanent housing to end homelessness in our City.

2. Extreme and Imprudent Reliance on Federal Grant Funding to Fund Programs for Our City's Unhoused Residents

While the Housing Department receives grant funding from county, state, and federal governments, Housing Department staff has already warned the City Council that federal grant funding is currently substantially at risk due to proposed cuts in the federal budget and the policies of the Trump administration. At the City Council meeting May 5, 2025, City Manager Marquez specifically referenced the draconian cuts currently in the proposed federal budget for services for our most vulnerable residents. Additionally, Housing Department staff told the City Council at its May 19, 2025 meeting that all of the City's Measure A Local Solutions Funding will have to be used to continue to fund Emergency Housing Vouchers (currently funded by the federal government) because the federal government will stop funding those vouchers at the end of this year. These funds, which could have strengthened our homelessness programs, are now unavailable for our unsheltered residents.

YET, the proposed FY2026 Housing Department Operating Budget notes 76% of its \$48,814,656 Operating Budget as coming from the federal government! This shows a clear lack of planning and preparation for expected challenges. Thankfully, some City Council members support creating an emergency fund to be used if the federal government makes good on its promise to cut funding for the poor. That needs to be done on an urgent basis.

3. The Court's Decision in the *Grants Pass* Case Requires Greater Funding to House Our Unsheltered Neighbors

The Supreme Court's *Grants Pass* decision permits cities to arrest and cite persons for sleeping on public property even if, as in Pasadena, there are a grossly

insufficient number of beds/units to provide them with shelter. Some on the City Council have stated that unhoused persons will not be arrested in our City for sleeping on public property. However, the City's proposal for a Homeless Court would have allowed citations and required unsheltered folks to go through a court process in order to receive interim housing. This is nonsensical. If you provide the housing FIRST, there is no need for PPD calls for service, citations, prosecutors, defense counsel and court staff. Simply provide local funding for the housing sorely needed by our unsheltered residents without the court process.

C. The City Has the Money Now to Urgently and Substantially Increase Funding for Additional Interim and Permanent Housing for Our Unhoused Residents

- General Fund
 - Cost savings can be achieved by decreasing the number of PPD officers while maintaining public safety in our City. In FY 2021, there were 5,766 PPD calls for service listed as “transient-related.” I once asked former Chief of Police John Perez how many calls for service PPD received from Centennial Place, a City housing site that houses formerly unhoused individuals. He said, “almost none.” Instead of incurring the huge expense of responding to calls for service related to unhoused individuals, PROVIDE HOUSING FOR THEM.
- Additional revenue from FY2025
 - At the May 5th opening of the public hearing on the proposed FY2026 Operating Budget, Director of Finance Hawkesworth gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Council with slides showing many one-time expenditures proposed to be funded with a total of \$10.6 million in additional revenue received in FY2025. Housing for our unhoused was not on that list of proposed expenditures but clearly should be.
- City's Operating Reserve (5% of annual expenditures).
 - The City has a \$16.184 million Operating Reserve for FY2026. Given the urgent need for more interim and permanent housing, funding from the Operating Reserve is required.
 - Significantly, in FY2020 and 2021, the City approved \$21.5 million (total) to cover the Rose Bowl debt because the Rose Bowl Operating Company could not make the annual debt payments related to the

massive remodel of the Rose Bowl years ago. All of those funds were from the City's General Fund AND GENERAL FUND RESERVES.

- City's Emergency Reserve (15% of annual expenditures)
 - The City has a \$48.552 million Emergency Reserve for FY2026. Given the urgent need for much more interim and permanent housing for our unhoused, funds from the City's Emergency Reserve for FY2026 should be allocated to the Housing Department for that purpose.

D. Conclusion

In conclusion, our City has chronically underfunded the Housing Department's programs to provide housing for our unhoused residents and, in particular, our unsheltered residents. The City Council *as a whole* needs to undertake a serious examination of the proposed FY2026 Operating Budget to find additional General Fund funding for the Housing Department to develop the interim and permanent housing desperately needed to house our unhoused residents. The Council also needs to approve additional funding for this purpose from the FY2026 Operating Reserve, the FY2026 Emergency Reserve and from the \$10 million in additional revenue from FY2025.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sonja K. Berndt, Esq. (retired)

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: cityclerk
Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 4:20 PM
To: Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Robles, Sandra; Sabha, Tamer; McMillan, Acquanette (Netta); Soo, Christine; Ashikyan, Elizabeth; Padilla, Adrian
Subject: FW: Please make our urban forest a priority
Attachments: unnamed(2).jpg; unnamed(4).jpg; IMG_0743.jpg; IMG_0736.jpg; IMG_0738.jpg; IMG_0727.jpg; IMG_0720.jpg; IMG_0719.jpg; 309876045_864657347811608_4071996899080741070_n.jpg; unnamed (20).jpg; 309543032_509439974346930_5048892047185779036_n.jpg

From: cheryl auger
Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 4:16:55 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: cityclerk <cityclerk@cityofpasadena.net>; Madison, Steve <smadison@cityofpasadena.net>; Lyon, Jason <jlyon@cityofpasadena.net>; Cole, Rick <rcole@cityofpasadena.net>; Rivas, Jessica <jerivas@cityofpasadena.net>
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Dear Councilmembers and Mayor and City Manager,

Please agendize an update to Pasadena's Tree Ordinance. We need to plant as many trees as possible. Planting trees will help reduce emissions through carbon absorption and reduced temperatures. A Los Angeles study found that trees absorbed up to 60% of CO2 emissions in the spring and summer. This would greatly help Pasadena reduce emissions from vehicles and small off road engines with internal combustion engines.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Auger,
District 6 Resident
District 7 Business Owner
2022 Clean Air grant recipient to plant trees at New Horizons on Cyprus Avenue (See Photos)

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Cheryl Auger
www.myzerowastestore.com







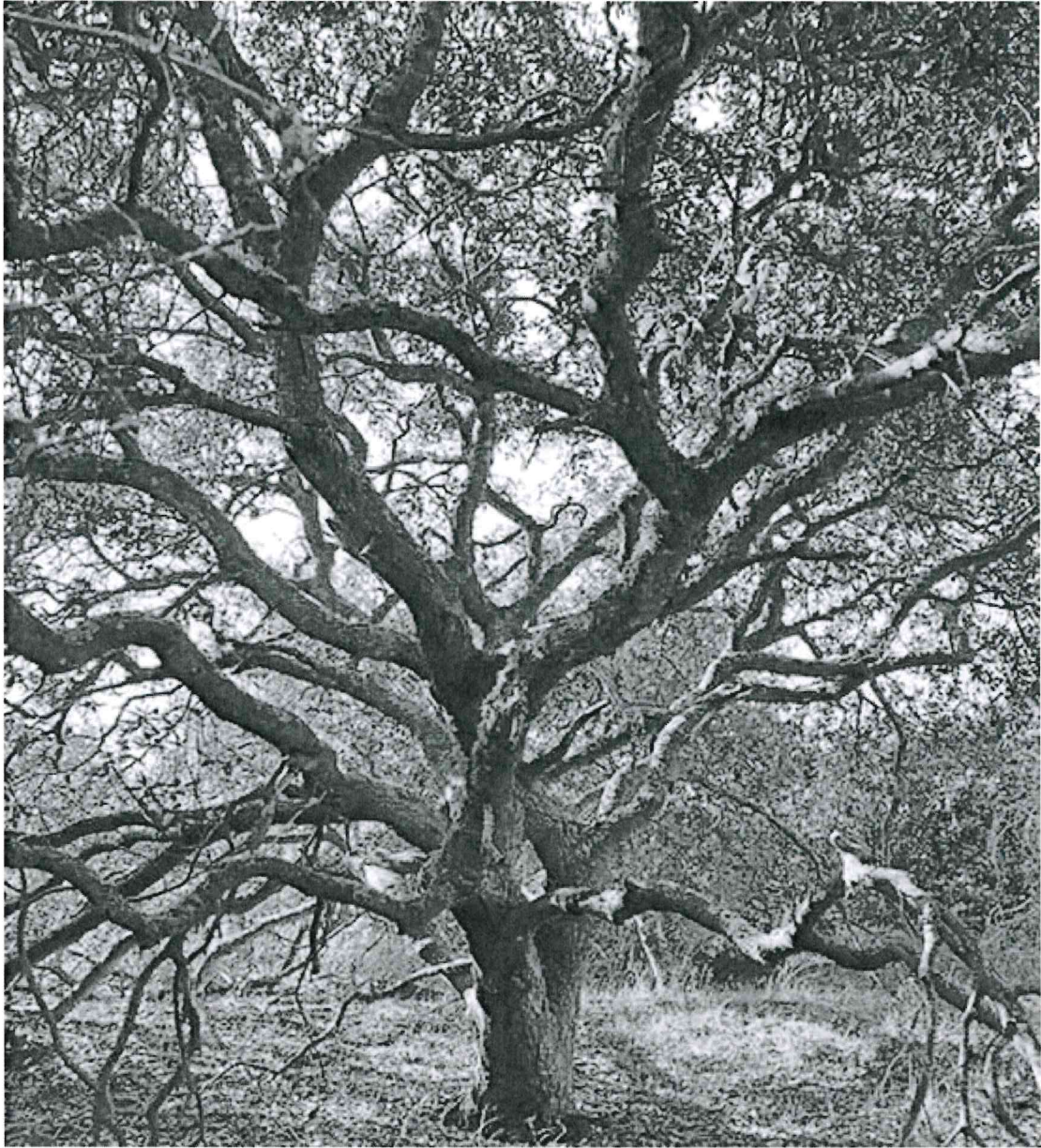














October 5, 2022

Clean Air Day

Were planting trees in Pasadena!

On Cypress Avenue near Orange Grove Blvd.

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