

# Attachment 1

Mr. Sean Morales  
Associate Planner  
City of Roseville Planning Commission  
311 Vernon Street  
Roseville, CA 95678

Dear Mr. Morales,

We are writing to express our strong concern regarding the proposal to cut down six mature oak trees located at 116 Lost Oak Ct. We believe it is crucial to consider the significant ecological, social, and economic benefits these trees provide before making any irreversible decisions.

Firstly, mature oak trees play a vital role in our ecosystem. They provide habitat and food for a variety of wildlife, including birds, mammals, and insects. Oak trees support a diverse range of species, contributing to biodiversity and the overall health of our local environment. The removal of these trees would disrupt this delicate balance and potentially lead to the decline of local wildlife populations.

Additionally, oak trees are exceptional at sequestering carbon dioxide, a critical factor in combating climate change. Mature trees absorb more carbon dioxide than younger trees, making them invaluable in our efforts to reduce greenhouse gases. Cutting down these oaks would not only release stored carbon back into the atmosphere but also diminish our community's capacity to mitigate climate change.

Moreover, these trees provide essential social and economic benefits. They enhance the aesthetic value of our neighborhood, contributing to the overall quality of life for residents. Numerous studies have shown that mature trees increase property values, promote mental well-being, and reduce stress levels. The shade provided by these trees also helps to lower temperatures in urban areas, reducing energy costs associated with air conditioning.

Furthermore, the historical and cultural significance of mature oak trees should not be overlooked. Oaks are often symbolic in many cultures and have been a part of our landscape for generations. Preserving these trees maintains a connection to our heritage and provides educational opportunities for future generations to learn about and appreciate nature.

In light of these considerations, we urge you to reconsider the decision to cut down all of the six mature oak trees. Instead, we propose exploring alternative solutions that allow for development or necessary changes without compromising our valuable natural resources. This could include adjusting plans to limit removal to the four trees in the middle, preserving the shade and privacy of 108 and 124 Lost Oak Ct. into the design, and implementing protective measures during construction.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue. We hope a solution can be found that respects and protects our environment for future generations.

Sincerely,

Concerned Community Residents

*Masha Rimmels*

*Melanie Weie*

*John West*

*Robert Hendrick*

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The first picture shows the trees that we feel should be preserved. The other two pictures show a tree that is quite close to the newly constructed home at 132 Lost Oak Court that they were able to keep.



*Figure 1 Trees to Save*



*Figure 2 Saved Tree near New Home Construction View1*



*Figure 3 Saved Tree near New Home Construction View2*