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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 19, 2026

N.2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 BUDGET AND FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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[N Prospect Ave Median Budget Funding Request-1.pdf](#)
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The “**Bike Path To Nowhere**” behind **BCHD** where kids & transients get high, loiter, and leave their garbage found funding. The street dug up in front of 519 N Prospect Ave. on 4/7/26 for a nonexistent “sink hole” at a cost of approximately \$20-25,000 was a waste of our taxpayer dollars. An unused median site design at a cost of \$6,400 was wasted. Speed Tables at Flagler/Dominguez Park, N Paulina Ave., N. Lucia Ave., N. Juanita Ave., N. Irena Ave., N. Francisca Ave., a crosswalk at Beryl St. and N. Guadalupe. Parks and Pickleball courts all get funded. Money is being spent on things that could wait and wasted on non-emergencies.

We also know through a PRR that safety upgrades to the median were denied by the City Manager last year and that the Public Works Director diverted funds that may have been used for N Prospect Ave. to Catalina Ave. For some reason we are forced to beg for proper funding for remediation of public safety and noise nuisances and the restoration of our privacy and Quality Of Life. Another year has gone by and our District 3 Council Member has not stepped up for us and has gone silent. Please fix that.

STATE, COUNTY, AND CITY LAWS AND ORDINANCES ARE NOT BEING ENFORCED BY THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH.

Quality Of Life for 500-600 N Prospect Ave. Residents has been detrimentally impacted over the past 2 years by clear Public Safety and Public Noise Nuisances on the N Prospect Ave median and corridor. If the City Of Redondo Beach refuses to strictly enforce State, County, and its own local laws and ordinances as it should, then the above requests are in line and completely reasonable. We need action taken and funding budgeted by Redondo Beach City Government immediately.

We are not 2nd rate Residents here. Many of us are homeowners of over 30 years. We know the differences on our street, in our neighborhood, and in our City. Saying that there is not enough CIP to go around is not an acceptable response and it’s actually insulting to us. Heads of City Departments are very well paid. There are several very highly paid City of Redondo Beach employees. Half of just one of those very high annual salaries would pay for what we need on the 500-600 N Prospect Ave. median.

Our elected officials are supposed to work with us to find solutions, not back pedal, break promises, and disappear. The City Manager telling us this is how Redondo Beach is and to just live with it is unacceptable. The 500-600 N Prospect Ave. Residents need solutions funded and implemented. We need help and we need relief. City Employees get paid very well by us. We elected our City Government to represent us and to protect us. So please do so.

500-600 N Prospect Ave. Residents are suffering psychological & physical abuse, a loss of property values, and the loss of our lawful right to quiet and peaceful enjoyment of our properties due to the inaction of Redondo Beach City Government. Please correct this and budget for and fund the N. Prospect Ave. median safety and noise improvement project.

Darryl Boyd

bcc: 500-600 N Prospect Ave. Residents
And other concerned Redondo Beach Residents

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PLANT IMAGES



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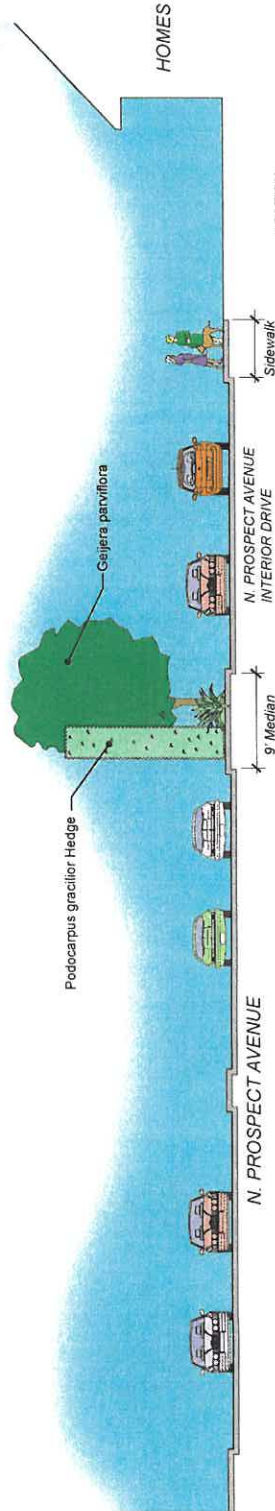
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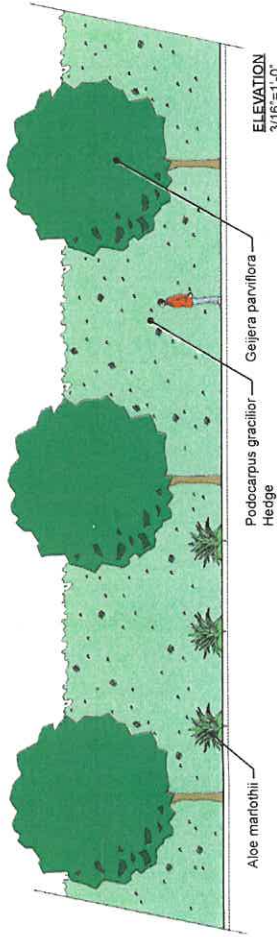
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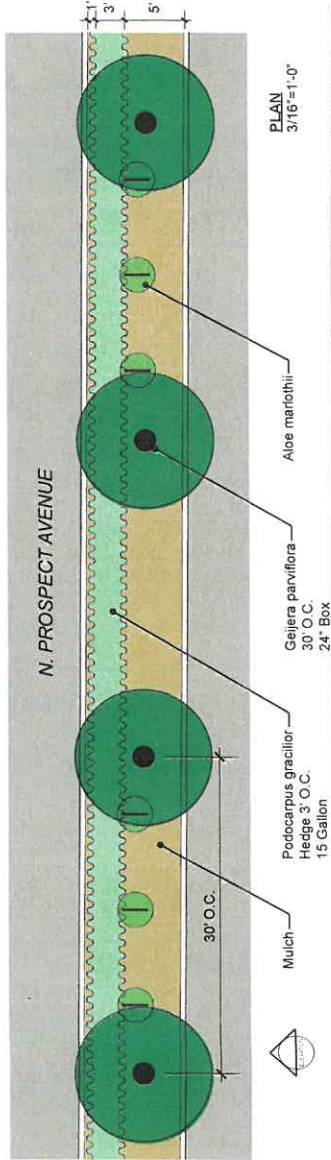
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SECTION
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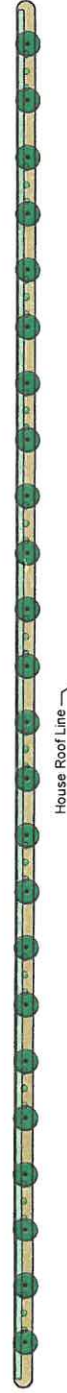


ELEVATION
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PLAN
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N. PROSPECT AVENUE



House Roof Line

SITE PLAN
1" = 30'-0"

AUSTRALIAN WILLOW

Geijera parviflora



GENERAL INFO

This tree has a graceful, weeping habit with slender branches that give it a delicate appearance. Its narrow, evergreen leaves are dark green and slightly leathery, providing a lush canopy year-round. Small, fragrant white flowers bloom in clusters, adding a subtle but pleasant aroma to the surroundings. The tree is drought-tolerant and thrives in a variety of soil types, making it a resilient choice for urban landscapes. Its moderate growth rate and manageable size make it suitable for both small gardens and larger public spaces.

Native range: Australia

Horticultural use: Screen or Lawn Tree or Street Tre

TREE CHARACTERISTICS

Tree shape: Rounded

Foliage type: Evergreen

Maximum tree height: 45 feet

Canopy width: 20 feet

Growth rate: ~24-36 in/year

Leaf arrangement and form: Alternate, Simple

Leaf/leaflet shape: Spear-shaped

Leaf color: Green

Flower color: White

Flowering Time: Fall or Spring

Fruit: Small Mostly Green Capsule

Fruiting time: Summer

Fruit value: Wildlife use it

Bark: Dark Brown or Light Green, Rough

Litter: Dry Fruit

MOUNTAIN ALOE

Aloe marlothii



GENERAL INFO

Aloe marlothii (Mountain Aloe) - Succulent unbranched large aloe that often grows to 10 feet tall with persistent old leaves making a skirt around the trunk. The leaves of the Mountain Aloe are large, of a gray-green color, with reddish-brown soft spines along the margins and randomly on other parts of the leaf. In late fall to late winter appears the wide-spread branching inflorescence bearing red-orange flowers. Plant in full sun in a well-drained soil. Requires little to no supplemental irrigation in coastal California gardens. Hardy to 20° F. The Mountain Aloe is a wide-ranging species from KwaZulu-Natal into Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Botswana and there is considerable variability in flower color and shape of the inflorescence. Our plants are from seed purchased from Silverhill Seeds in South Africa and are described as the typical form with horizontal inflorescence and dark orange flowers.

PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

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Family: Aloeaceae (now Asphodeloideae)

Origin: South Africa (Africa)

Evergreen: Yes

Flower Color: Orange Red

Bloomtime: Fall/Winter

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Exposure: Full Sun

Summer Dry: Yes

Deer Tolerant: Yes

Irrigation: Low Water Needs

Winter Hardiness: 20-25° F

PROSPECT AVE. PLANT SELECTION

AFRICAN FERN PINE

Podocarpus gracilior



GENERAL INFO

This tree has a distinctive, upright form with dense, dark green foliage that creates a lush, evergreen canopy. Its leaves are narrow and needle-like, giving it a somewhat feathery appearance. The bark is smooth and grayish-brown, often developing a textured pattern with age. It grows relatively fast and can reach impressive heights, making it a striking focal point in urban landscapes. This tree is well-suited for both large gardens and public parks, offering year-round greenery and a touch of elegance. Its resilience to various environmental conditions adds to its appeal for city settings.

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Horticultural use: Specimen or Buffer Strip or Espalier or Hedged or Topiary



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Maximum tree height: 70 feet

Canopy width: 50 feet

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Leaf arrangement and form: Alternate, Simple

Leaf/leaflet shape: Linear

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Cones: Inconspicuous

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The "**Bike Path To Nowhere**" behind **BCHD** where kids & transients get high, loiter, and leave their garbage found funding. The street dug up in front of 519 N Prospect Ave. on 4/7/26 for a nonexistent "sink hole" at a cost of approximately \$20-25,000 was a waste of our taxpayer dollars. An unused median site design at a cost of \$6,400 was wasted. Speed Tables at Flagler/Dominguez Park, N Paulina Ave., N. Lucia Ave., N. Juanita Ave., N. Irena Ave., N. Francisca Ave., a crosswalk at Beryl St. and N. Guadalupe. Parks and Pickleball courts all get funded. Money is being spent on things that could wait and wasted on non-emergencies.

We also know through a PRR that safety upgrades to the median were denied by the City Manager last year and that the Public Works Director diverted funds that may have been used for N Prospect Ave. to Catalina Ave. For some reason we are forced to beg for proper funding for remediation of public safety and noise nuisances and the restoration of our privacy and Quality Of Life. Another year has gone by and our District 3 Council Member has not stepped up for us and has gone silent. Please fix that.

STATE, COUNTY, AND CITY LAWS AND ORDINANCES ARE NOT BEING ENFORCED BY THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH.

Quality Of Life for 500-600 N Prospect Ave. Residents has been detrimentally impacted over the past 2 years by clear Public Safety and Public Noise Nuisances on the N Prospect Ave median and corridor. If the City Of Redondo Beach refuses to strictly enforce State, County, and its own local laws and ordinances as it should, then the above requests are in line and completely reasonable. We need action taken and funding budgeted by Redondo Beach City Government immediately.

We are not 2nd rate Residents here. Many of us are homeowners of over 30 years. We know the differences on our street, in our neighborhood, and in our City. Saying that there is not enough CIP to go around is not an acceptable response and it's actually insulting to us. Heads of City Departments are very well paid. There are several very highly paid City of Redondo Beach employees. Half of just one of those very high annual salaries would pay for what we need on the 500-600 N Prospect Ave. median.

Our elected officials are supposed to work with us to find solutions, not back pedal, break promises, and disappear. The City Manager telling us this is how Redondo Beach is and to just live with it is unacceptable. The 500-600 N Prospect Ave. Residents need solutions funded and implemented. We need help and we need relief. City Employees get paid very well by us. We elected our City Government to represent us and to protect us. So please do so.

500-600 N Prospect Ave. Residents are suffering psychological & physical abuse, a loss of property values, and the loss of our lawful right to quiet and peaceful enjoyment of our properties due to the inaction of Redondo Beach City Government. Please correct this and budget for and fund the N. Prospect Ave. median safety and noise improvement project.

Darryl Boyd

bcc: 500-600 N Prospect Ave. Residents
And other concerned Redondo Beach Residents



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to Paige, me

Darryl,

Thank you for the email and kind words. You are spot on with Councilmember Kaluderovic! And I am thankful that she invited me.

I have already sat down with Public Works to discuss K-rails and other alternatives. Our Director said the city is exploring "traffic tables" to control speed... they are wider than speed bumps but are effective at calming traffic and apparently generate less noise. It sounds like they are going to test it on a smaller street and also get the Fire Department feedback on whether they are acceptable in arterials that they use for rapid response. He indicated this may be an effective way to control speed on Artesia. Some examples below:

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When I brought this up in Referrals to Staff at the last City Council meeting, the City Manager said they have an open item to come back to Council on this. So Councilmember Kaluderovic is on this and I've got her back.

I forgot about the signal timing question so thanks for reminding me. I will bring it up.

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Oops. I typed Artesia, I meant speed tables may be effective on Prospect.... I am doing too many things in parallel. Sorry.

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