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## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**

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**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

**Subject:** FW: Ecomment for Sept 21 city Council: Non Agenda

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Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council:

I have remarked in the past on how important trees are for keeping the city cool. Below is a plot of global temperature (in degrees C) over the last 175 years. There has been a fast rise in temperature in the past five decades. Since 1975, the planet has seen about a 1 degree C (1.8 degree F) rise in temperature. (**Note: A change in 1 degree C is 1.8 degree change in F**). The plot below is a global average. The US temperature is rising faster than the global, and the Southern California temperature is rising faster than that.

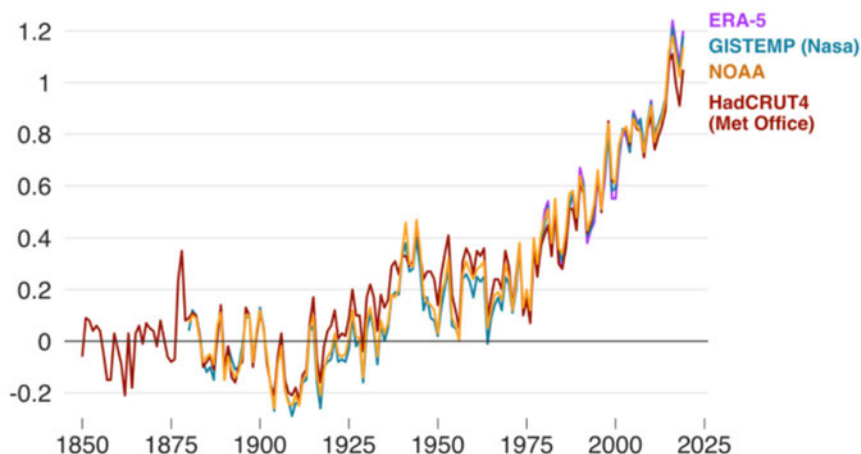
**".... Southern California has warmed about three degrees (F) in the last century and all of the state is becoming warmer."** (From an EPA report of August 2016)

Here are your other facts.

- 1) Heat causes more death than other weather related phenomena.
- 2) Trees keep the temperatures cooler. You know that if you watched NBC nightly news last night; people are going around their cities with an app that compares temperature in areas with lots of concrete compared to areas that have trees. They want to identify areas which should be targeted for cooling.
- 3) The solution is obvious: plant some trees in hot neighborhoods.
- 4) Redondo is park poor. (Standard is 3 acres, preferably 5 acres per 1000 residents; we have about 2.2-2.3 acres per 1000 residents. ]

## Temperature rise since 1850

Global mean temperature change from pre-industrial levels, °C



Source: Met Office

BBC

**Here is the problem.** SB 9 is a measure that is going to lead more concretization in neighborhoods. Neighborhoods that have small lots, and are already pretty dense are going to be more affected by this. However, there is an "escape" clause. The clause below, **which was a last minute addition to SB 9, says a project can be denied if it will have an adverse impact on public health and safety.**

*(d) ... a local agency may deny a proposed housing development project if the building official makes a written finding, based upon a preponderance of the evidence, that the proposed housing development project would have a specific, adverse impact, as defined and determined in paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 65589.5, upon public health and safety or the physical environment and for which there is no feasible method to satisfactorily mitigate or avoid the specific, adverse impact.*

Mr Mayor, please direct the city planners to not approve projects which will destroy a tree on city property; **or cause city property or their own front yard to be paved over.**

Thank you.

Holly Osborne