



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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Correspondence Received

The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
32.		Oppose	Josh Thomson	I care about the environment and the history of LA and am asking that you please ensure the redevelopment of the Rancho Los Amigos South Campus doesn't harm the historic mature Rusty Leaf Fig trees in this area. Thank you.
		Other	Brett Slaughenhaupt	I care about the environment and am asking that you please ensure that redevelopment of the Rancho Los Amigos South Campus doesn't harm the mature Rusty Leaf Fig trees that are called out in the EIR.
			Donald R Hodel	Attached please find a letter regarding the stand of Rusty Leaf Fig trees (Ficus rubiginosa) on the former site of the Men's Psychiatric Facility near the intersection of Erickson and Golondrina Streets on the western edge of the parcel, which are protected under the 2020 EIR but not mentioned in the new contract.
			Richard S Schave	Please see attached a PDF containing the 28 public comments in support of the Rusty Leaf Fig trees (Ficus rubiginosa) at Rancho Los Amigos that were submitted for the Supervisors meeting on 2/18/2025. These comments did not carry over when the item was rescheduled and renumbered to be heard on 3/4/2025. The official URL where the submitted comments can be found is file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/199992.pdf
		Item Total	4	
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24.		Favor	Cassandra F Bolden
			Elissa Braitman
			Lucy Erdman
			Tanya Geddes
			Aleks Navasardyan
		Oppose	Bryan Ranger
			Joan Yarfitz
			Nicole Osyka
		Other	Adriene B Biondo
			Ann Rubin
Comments			
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Please save the trees like the Moreton Bay Fig when doing this project! I worked at LACC, and construction companies liked to chop them down to make work easier, and will hire people who claim the tree is 'sick' — tree like that is hearty to some earth vibrations, and it isn't impossible to work around them and safeguard them during construction. The end result of a majestic tree like that is worth it!			
Please save the Morton Fig. No reason to kill this amazing 100+ year old tree. Please build around it for the environment and for people to enjoy.			
I care about preserving the environment, and am asking that you please ensure that redevelopment of the Rancho Los Amigos South Campus doesn't harm the mature Rusty Leaf Fig trees that are called out in the EIR. These trees, with their distinctive canopies and buttress trunks are important features of the site.			
Dear LA County, I care about the environment and am asking that you please ensure that redevelopment of the Rancho Los Amigos South Campus doesn't harm the mature Rusty Leaf Fig trees that are called out in the EIR. We must learn to adapt our built environment to accommodate existing big trees that provide health benefits and great pleasure and are an essential part of our heritage. Please be a model in this regard. The last thing we should be doing these days is chopping down healthy, big trees that have more than earned their keep over decades and are not replaceable in our own lifetimes. Thank you Ann Rubin in Carthay Circle HPOZ			



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24.		Other	Barbara Broide
			Donald R Hodel
			Ellen J Rippberger
			Erin Maher
			Hope Anderson
			Joanne DAntonio
			Kim Frank
			Leah Loh

Comments
I am very concerned about the survival of and needed respect for the mature Rusty Leaf Fig trees that are called out in the EIR governing future uses. These landmark specimens must be an integral part of future plans for the site. Future development plans should incorporate their role as anchors for a green and sustainable environment that recognizes the importance of countering urban heat island effect. It would take many decades to replace the tree canopy that these trees provide with benefits for both the large and small creatures living in the area. Please ensure that the trees are protected for future residents and future generations to enjoy.
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Please don't hurt the mature Rusty Leaf Fig trees that are called out in the EIR
Hello, I am very concerned about the fate of the rusty fig trees on this property and would urge you to make sure that they are saved when and if development happens here. Thank you.
I care about the environment and am asking that you please ensure that redevelopment of the Rancho Los Amigos South Campus doesn't harm the mature Rusty Leaf Fig trees that are called out in the EIR. Trees such as these improve air quality and are desperately needed.
Trees are vital to our county's health and there are important longstanding trees on this property that should be considered historic. Please ensure that redevelopment of the Rancho Los Amigos South Campus doesn't harm the mature Rusty Leaf Fig trees that are called out in the EIR
With your plans to redevelop the south campus Please consider and preserve all the fig trees on the campus They are listed in the EIR We Constituents are very concerned about the trees And look forward to enjoying the campus again Please listen to our wishes ????
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			Martin Castro
			Melinda J Mariano
			Sarah Graham
			Simone Boudriot
			Steve Loh
			Susan Garman
			Susan Spencer
			Wes Chuang

Please ensure that redevelopment of the Rancho Los Amigos South Campus doesn't harm the mature Rusty Leaf Fig trees that are called out in the EIR. Although these trees are explicitly protected in the Environmental Impact Report, they aren't mentioned in the contract under discussion on Tuesday, please see they are protected.

Citizens care about this historic place and are paying attention, and hopefully it won't be too much longer before the fences come down and you can visit these beautiful trees, and the cool buildings that still survive, like the Spanish style women's residence Casa Consuelo, and the two very old Bunya Bunya trees behind it.

I care about the environment and am asking that you please ensure that redevelopment of the Rancho Los Amigos South Campus doesn't harm the mature Rusty Leaf Fig trees that are called out in the EIR

I care about our old growth trees and am asking that you please ensure that redevelopment of the Rancho Los Amigos South Campus does not harm the mature Rusty Leaf Fig trees that are called out in the EIR. Once these are gone they will not return.

Please ensure that redevelopment of the Rancho Los Amigos South Campus includes horticultural protection for the mature Rusty Leaf Fig trees on site, as they are explicitly listed as significant trees in the environmental impact report. They are also rare - rarer now, as other species locally have been decimated by fire.

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Please make sure that any redevelopment of the Rancho Los Amigos South Campus doesn't harm the mature Rusty Leaf Fig trees that are called out in the EIR. These trees must be protected. Thank you!

I am deeply concerned about the environment and ask that the redevelopment of the Rancho Los Amigos South Campus be planned to protect the mature Rusty Leaf Fig trees identified in the EIR.

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These old, historic trees, which are of the uncommon and valuable 'El Toro' cultivar and are some of the largest and nicest of their kind, were called out to be protected in the 2020 RLASC EIR and have inventory numbers 64, 65, and 66.

Would you please ensure that these valuable, protected trees are not threatened by the redevelopment project and instead are incorporated into the project where, leaving them in place, would make a handsome, useful, and appealing courtyard for employees and visitors to gather, rest, and relax?

I first visited the RLASC in 1987 to document its old, rare, large, and historic trees for my book *Exceptional Trees of Los Angeles* (California Arboretum Foundation, Arcadia, 1988). Because of that project and book, many of the trees on the South Campus have had Exceptional Tree Status for nearly 40 years. In the last six months, I have been working with preservationists Richard Schave and Kim Cooper and staff from the ISD and CEO's office to ensure that these trees are receiving adequate care, especially irrigation during our unprecedented dry rainy season, so that they can continue to grow and be incorporated where they stand as unique and invaluable components of the redeveloped site. Positive work is afoot there on the historic tree front.

Sincerely,

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