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I thank city staff and all those involved with investigating this issue in what appears to be a very thorough data-driven multi-pronged approach. I can imagine that this magnitude of an ecological and public safety problem is not routine for city staff but I am glad to see staff tackling this and getting outside help and putting it all together with tonight's agenda item with plans to continue the process into the future.

I ask that the city also plan for what to do with equally distressed trees on private land particularly on the west side of the hill. I know the city does not own that property but I also know that residents of one of the condo complexes there said at a 2021 public city council meeting that their complex would almost certainly not have the resources to deal with a large-scale removal as the arborist in this meeting's report says the trees a few feet away on public land should be handled. As the city decides whether or not to go forward with the arborist's recommendations on public land, I ask that the city explore all possibilities\* with regards to equally distressed trees on private land. Decisions related to how to handle distressed trees on private land and/or private land ownership itself might be an important factor in deciding what kinds of grants at what dollar amounts staff should pursue.

Bryan Marten  
Albany resident at the eastern base of Albany Hill

\*eg. a) look into what authority if any does the city have to compel private entities on the hill to take action similar to what the city decides to do on adjacent public land, b) negotiate for or otherwise acquire private land towards the top of the hill where declining trees present the same kind of threat to public safety that they do on public land a few feet away, c) other?

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Eucalyptus on Albany Hill

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Hello Council Members,

I read the staff report on the Albany Hill Eucalyptus Project, and I am writing to support implementation of the arborist's recommendations. Although I am sure some people will be upset to see such dramatic changes in the eucalyptus grove atop Albany Hill, I think the right thing to do is to "follow the science" and remove the unhealthy and unsafe trees. From my reading of the report it appears we may be witnessing one of the first significant manifestations of climate change in our community.

Sincerely,

Doug Donaldson