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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Honorable Councilmembers, Please see the attached letter regarding fire safety for council file no. 21-0777-S1. Sincerely,  
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Jimmy Hill, Retired Deputy Chief and Fire Marshall, Los Angeles Fire Department  
Darrel Arbuthnott, Retired Bureau Commander, Los Angeles Fire Department  
Craig Fry, Retired Deputy Chief, Los Angeles Fire Department

August 10, 2023

Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

We write to you regarding the Bulgari Resort Los Angeles, which is undergoing a city review. Specifically, we want to address the issues around fire safety that have been discussed regarding the project.

We have over three decades of experience serving as Deputy Chiefs, Battalion Chiefs, and Fire Marshals in the Los Angeles Fire Department. We have dedicated our careers to protecting the City of Los Angeles and our communities. Now retired, we continue to serve and protect our City by speaking up for measures that support firefighters and protect our communities while working to ensure development projects make our neighborhoods safer.

To that end, we want to highlight key parts of the project that will improve fire safety for our city's firefighters and the surrounding community and which have been a topic of debate. In its current state, the project is a severe fire danger, with limited access, wild vegetation, fire-prone trees, and inadequate water in the event of a fire.

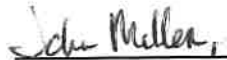
The Bulgari Hotel project includes many fire safety improvements that are important to response times, the ability to fight and mitigate fires in the area, and the surrounding community's safety.

We have worked with the developer to ensure the project **includes the following:**

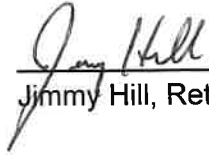
- Build new fire access roads that are widened and upgraded to accommodate all fire vehicles and apparatus. This approach means critical access for firefighters and first responders who have difficulty accessing the current property and the surrounding neighborhood.
- Build new fire hydrants and new water mains, which are critical in fighting a fire in the neighborhood.
- Include a shelter-in-place for the majority of the neighborhood, which is critical when a major fire occurs in a canyon.
- Remove brush and all non-native, fire-prone trees and replace them with native drought-resistant vegetation. All buildings will be sprinklered; water service will be upgraded with new fire hydrants and new water mains and equipped with state-of-the-art fire detection systems, including sprinklers and cameras to identify and eliminate fires during their incipient stages before they become so large they cannot be stopped.

We have been working hand in hand with our brave Los Angeles Fire Department members to implement and fine-tune these safety measures that will benefit not only the project site but the entire community. Altogether, these fire safety measures will improve safety for our firefighters, allowing first responders to access points currently not accessible and improving the ability to respond in the area in case of an emergency.

Thank you for your consideration. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.



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