

Communication from Public

Name: Pacific Palisades Community Council

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Comments for Public Posting: As explained in the attached letter, Pacific Palisades Community Council supports efforts to address risks to public safety during wildfire evacuations in the VHFHSZ, including halting construction grading/hauling and other related activities during windy & Red Flag days, as determined by LAFD. We also support further review & study to determine if and where the HCRD should be expanded. We may supplement this position in the future when our board has had sufficient time to review the HCRD pilot program and ordinance in greater detail and to ascertain its impact on our community.



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

September 30, 2020

Via email

Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Chair, Council PLUM Committee
Hon. Bob Blumenfield, Curren Price, Jr., Gilbert Cedillo & John Lee, Members, Council PLUM Committee
Hon. David Ryu, Councilmember, CD 4
Hon. Paul Koretz, Councilmember, CD5

Re: CF 20-1101; expanding Hillside Construction Regulation District/Pilot Program; hearing October 1, 2020; support review & study to determine whether and where the program should be expanded; support ban on construction grading/hauling during windy & Red Flag days

Dear Councilmembers:

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) is the most broad-based community organization and has been the voice of the Palisades since 1973. The above-reference motion has only recently come to our attention. Acting pursuant to PPCC's Bylaws (Art. V.3(B)), the PPCC Executive Committee submits these comments on the motion.

Pacific Palisades is a largely residential community located entirely in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ). There are only two main routes of ingress and egress to and from the Palisades as a whole: Sunset Blvd. and Temescal Canyon Blvd. (to PCH). Many of our neighborhoods (including those located in hillsides as well as those in "flat" areas) have substandard streets and only one point of ingress and egress. We have experienced serious problems with congestion during wildfire evacuations (most recently during the serious Palisades & Getty fires in fall 2019). We support efforts to address the risk to public safety during wildfire evacuations, in particular on our substandard streets and those with only one point of ingress and egress.

With respect to the Hillside Construction Regulation District/Pilot Program and Ordinance, we support a *halt on construction grading and hauling (including halting use of cement mixer trucks, requiring dumpsters to be removed from streets and ensuring fire equipment access) during windy and Red Flag Days*, as determined by LAFD. We also support further review and study to determine whether the District/Pilot Program should be expanded and if so, the areas where the program should be expanded. However, our board has had insufficient time to review the Ordinance or this motion in detail, or to ascertain the impact of the Ordinance's provisions on our community should Pacific Palisades be included in the District/Pilot Program. Our position on the motion may be supplemented in the future upon further review by our full Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Executive Committee, PPCC:

David Card, Chair
David Kaplan, Vice Chair
Richard Cohen, Treasurer
Christina Spitz, Secretary

Maryam Zar, Chair Emeritus
John Padden, Organization Representative (PRIDE)
Joanna Spak, Area Representative (Area 1, Castellammare,
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cc: Hon. Mike Bonin, Councilmember, CD11