

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brentwood Community Council

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**Council File No:** 23-0002-S71

**Comments for Public Posting:** The Brentwood Community Council is writing to voice its support to the motion, file no. 23-0002-S71, indicating support for SB 423 only if an exemption without qualification is included in SB 423 for the VHFHSZs. Much of the Brentwood landscape is located within a VHFHSZ, and Brentwood residents have serious, legitimate concerns based on lived experience with the adverse consequences increased density will have on these environmentally sensitive areas, including the potential for adverse impacts on the ability to evacuate timely in the event of fire. It is imperative that our local agencies have the ability to review projects in this sensitive area so that a meaningful evaluation can take place that new projects are safe for the community, and not allowed by-right approval at the state level without local input. Our Council looks forward to the passage of this motion.