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RE: Thank you for your work to improve planning and safeguard communities and wildlife in the Wildland Urban Interface Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones

Honorable Supervisor Kuehl:

The Sierra Club Angeles Chapter Wildland Urban Wildfire Committee was formed to address planning and other issues related to the increasing intensity and frequency of wildfires in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). Our mission is to:

address the risks associated with building in the Wildland-Urban Interface and influence policies to reduce those dangers while protecting the environment through education, organizing and policy change.

We are therefore writing to thank you for your two motions that relate to our goals, your February 20th Resolution requesting a policy be created on evacuation routes and time needed to evacuate when development is proposed in high fire hazard areas and your recent Oct 13th motion "Fire Hazard Severity Zones County Legislative Priority" to "support legislation to limit new development within areas of extreme fire risk and oppose new proposals that would increase housing density in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZs)", for which our committee wrote a letter of support (see attached).

We'd also like to offer to make our committee available to support these motions and any related efforts that your office might bring in the future.

We are here to help, if you need us.

Sincerely,

Lynne Plambeck, Chair
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