

Dear City Clerk Lara,

Please distribute this public comment to Mayor Kate and the City Council for their review before the City Council meeting tonight. This comment is for agenda item 7.a. Amendment of the Current Vegetation Management Ordinance.

Dear Mayor Kate and Council Members,

You are considering an extremely important wildfire ordinance for our community. The Climate Crisis puts some of our efforts at odds if not considered thoroughly. We must ensure that while we prepare ourselves to reduce the risk of wildfire, we also continue our Drawdown goals and our Climate Action Goals. Otherwise, for example, the very trees that provide cooling and carbon sequestration are in danger of being eliminated. Our world-renowned biodiverse ecosystem is at risk of failure.

- 1) Add an Whereas near the top of the page: Follow the guidelines in the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority page 4, and 5: 5.2.1.1. Ecologically sound Practices Partnership: See Page s23 and 24 under Natural Recourses, 4.6.1 Biodiversity. This portion of the plan **must be embedded in the ordinance and outreach.**

Whereas Mitigate the risk of wildfires **while considering ecologically sound practices. This includes habitat protection, carbon resource management, and defensible space for ecological benefit.**

- 2) Ensure that all of these ecologically sound practices are included in the outreach program.
- 3) To assume that CEQA does RE: City Council meeting 2/1/21 7.a. Amendment of the Current Vegetation Management not apply you must consider the cumulative impact of all private and public land on all jurisdictions. Also, CEQA requires that the work shall not result in removal of special species or create erosion concerns. Please include this in the CEQA Whereas

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration,
Pamela Reaves
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