

City of San Diego  
San Diego City Council and Mayor Todd Gloria  
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San Diego, CA 92101



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Dear Mayor Gloria and members of the City Council,

Kensington Fire Safe Council is working hard to make our community safer from wildfires, particularly following recent fires here and of course, in Los Angeles. But we need your help. These recent events and much data clearly document the extreme risks of added danger from density growth in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ).

- **San Diego mirrors Los Angeles in risk profile:** prolonged droughts, Santa Ana winds, high temperatures and low-humidity—combined with dense urban areas and resource constraints, make us equally vulnerable.
- **Our fire infrastructure inadequate:** Limited evacuation routes, aging water delivery systems, insufficient funds for fire prevention and fighting, and the densification of already high-risk neighborhoods all add to our vulnerabilities.

We respectfully request that the City of San Diego:

1. **Enact an emergency moratorium on all infill construction projects in VHFHSZ that more than double the existing density** until comprehensive risk assessments and mitigation measures are developed and implemented.
2. **Prioritize funding for critical fire infrastructure** to address deficits in fire department capacity, water delivery systems, and evacuation planning.
3. **Develop and enforce updated wildfire mitigation standards** for existing and future developments, ensuring that infrastructure improvements, firebreaks, and evacuation routes are prioritized.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. We look forward to your response and to working together to address these critical concerns.

Sincerely,

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