



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Hon. Anthony J. Portantino (SD 25)
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee

Via email to:

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Re: Housing Density Bills in Suspense (hearing June 18): SB 902, 1085, 1120 and 1385; OPPOSED (serious public safety issue/failure to include unconditional VHFHSZ exemption)

Dear Chair Portantino, Vice-Chair Bates and Members Bradford, Hill, Jones, Leyva and Wieckowski:

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) is the most broad-based organization in Pacific Palisades – a community within the City of Los Angeles, entirely located in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ). PPCC has been the voice of the Palisades community since 1973.

Attached is the PPCC Policy Statement regarding the above-referenced housing density bills and public safety.

We respectfully urge you to consider the risk of harm to life and safety posed by greater density in our VHFHSZ areas, as explained in our Policy Statement, and we accordingly request that the Committee decline to move these bills forward without an amendment in each bill to add an *unconditional exemption* for all parcels within VHFHSZ areas.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this important matter of public safety.

Sincerely,

Executive Committee, PPCC

David Card, Chair
David Kaplan, Vice-Chair
Richard Cohen, Treasurer
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Pacific Palisades Community Council

Attached: PPCC Policy Statement – Housing Density Bills and Public Safety

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