

9/7 Email Message to CMs Martinez and Koretz from PPCC Chair & Secretary

SB 9 and 10 -- Advocacy of City's Position

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To: Hon. Los Angeles City Councilmembers Nury Martinez (Council President) and Paul Koretz:

Dear Councilmembers Martinez and Koretz:

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) is and has been since 1973 the most broad-based community organization and voice of Pacific Palisades -- a community within the City of Los Angeles of about 25,000 residents, located entirely in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ). PPCC strongly opposes SB 9 and 10.

With regard to the City's opposition to SB 9 and 10 and advocacy of the City's position in Sacramento, we note that Councilmember Koretz stated in a recent press release:

"The City Council's actions place the City of Los Angeles formally in opposition to the legislation and mandates the City's representatives in Sacramento to advocate accordingly." See [Koretz Press Release](#).

We understand that letters dated August 30 were written by Ms. Shaw to the respective authors of the bills. These letters appear to have been written before the final votes in the Assembly and Senate but submitted *after* the bills' passage in the Assembly. As you know, a concurrence vote occurred in the Senate and the bills are now on the Governor's desk.

With respect, we note that sending letters to the bills' authors -- when the bills have already passed in the legislature -- is essentially a moot exercise.

It is imperative (or, as CM Koretz has explained, it is *mandatory*) that the City's lobbyist -- forcefully advocating for the City Council and ultimately on behalf of all Los Angeles constituents/taxpayers -- now **write directly to the Governor and urge his veto of these bills.**

PPCC accordingly requests that Ms. Shaw be asked to write separately and directly to Governor Newsom (if she has not already done so), based on the City's clear opposition to SB 9 and 10, and urge his immediate veto of these harmful bills.

We also bring your attention to a significant matter of public safety -- the bills' failure to include an unconditional exemption for the VHFHSZ, which in turn presents a grave risk of harm to lives and safety due to the impacts from additional expected density on evacuation routes in these areas. See PPCC's recent letters in this regard: [Letter to Governor](#); [Supplemental Letter to Governor](#). We respectfully request that this serious concern -- which affects all hillside and canyon areas of Los Angeles that are in the VHFHSZ -- also be brought to Governor Newsom's attention by the City's lobbyist.

Thank you for your anticipated courtesy and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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