



## PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Attn: Ms. Eva Bitar  
Citywide Filming Coordinator and Industry Liaison  
City of Los Angeles, Office of Economic Development

January 28, 2023

***Re: Smoking on Film Sets in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones in Pacific Palisades***

Dear Ms. Bitar,

At Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has served as the most broad-based voice of the Palisades community for over 50 years. At our regularly scheduled board meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>, we heard a presentation from the Brentwood Community Council about their concerns over widespread smoking on film sets, even though there is a ban on such conduct. We have further learned that there is a blanket ban on smoking in designated very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones across Los Angeles, already in place.

Pacific Palisades falls almost entirely within the VHFHSZs of Los Angeles, and we would like to see these prohibitions against smoking enforced on film sets - which often use various Palisades locations to film movies and commercials, due to the many vistas and bucolic settings throughout our coastal and mountainous community.

As such, our board unanimously passed the following motion, and we speak as one with Brentwood in asking that you ensure the enforcement of all laws related to smoking on film sets.

WHEREAS the entirety of Pacific Palisades is in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ);  
WHEREAS outdoor smoking is prohibited in the VHFHSZ;  
WHEREAS, permits for film shoots are regularly issued by FilmLA for locations within a VHFHSZ;  
WHEREAS, film permits can and do contain special conditions for numerous locations within the City;  
WHEREAS, there are currently no special conditions limiting smoking included in film permits issued by FilmLA for locations within a VHFHSZ; and  
WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works has a dedicated Motion Picture and Television Manager, to act as the FilmLA contract administrator;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) urges the Motion Picture and Television Manager for the Board of Public Works to require FilmLA to include a specific no outdoor smoking prohibition in all film permits issued for locations within a VHFHSZ.

Sincerely,  
Maryam Zar, President  
Pacific Palisades Community Council