

Pacific Palisades Community Council

June 28, 2024

Dear Councilwoman Traci Park and CD11 Sr. Planning Deputy Jeff Khau,

The Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC), the most representative voice of Pacific Palisades for more than 50 years, appreciates the many ways in which you support our delicate environs with an eye on our specific needs as a hillside, Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ) with few ways of ingress and egress, lying between the Pacific Ocean and the SM Mountain range.

As you know, the community remains concerned about landslide areas and the broad impact of largescale development on those sites. Now, one of our neighborhoods - the Castellammare Mesa, Paseo Miramar neighborhoods of "Area One" * has elected to start the process of Hillside Construction Regulation (HCR) District designation, and we support them provided there is robust outreach and widescale awareness of the impact of such designation, by area residents.

At our most recent PPCC meeting - during which Jeff explained that the HCR designation entails a zoning change which carries with it the legislative process of review and hearing offering opportunities for citizen feedback - PPCC voted to support the Castellammare Mesa HOA and the Miramar HOA in requesting that the process be initiated for possible designation of the Castellammare and Paseo Miramar areas of Pacific Palisades as Hillside Construction Regulation Supplemental Use Districts (HCR Districts), provided that the process includes robust and comprehensive outreach and education to all residents of these areas as well as an opportunity for residents to comment on whether or not they support such designation.

Best,
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^{*} See Area Maps: https://pacpalicc.org/index.php/area-maps/