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RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

Date: November 15, 2021

To: LACC Board of Directors

Cc: Scott Devereaux, LACC General Manager

From: LACC Firewise Committee, Penny Leinwander, Chair 

SUBJECT: DIRECT IMMEDIATE FUNDING OF ARBORIST/REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL FORESTER USING \$32,000 ALLOCATED IN THE 2021 BUDGET FOR FIRE SAFETY

The LACC Firewise Committee thanks you for your dedicated support of improving the level of fire safety in our community.

Last week the final 2022 Budget was approved and the Firewise Committee request for roll over of the 2021 Fire Safety Budget amount of \$32,000 to the 2022 budget did not occur.

Considering this, the Firewise Committee requests that the 2021 budget amount be directed immediately to fund an Arborist or Registered Professional Forester to inspect trees as required by Section 4.4 of the Member Handbook. Section 4.4 requires that an inspector shall have to the authority to issue tree removal orders for dead, diseased, and potentially hazardous trees, and all potentially hazardous trees within the LACC Rights-of-Way.

The Firewise Committee recommends these prioritized work items for the Arborist or Registered Professional Forester:

1. The tree inspector should prioritize first any dangerous or potentially hazardous trees that would impede evacuation from the peninsula along the approved evacuation routes. Of particular concern are the right-of-way areas within the 600 to 800 blocks of Peninsula Drive.
2. The second priority for the tree inspector would be to determine which dead, diseased, and hazardous trees on all developed and undeveloped properties should be removed as soon as possible due to threat to public safety or that could cause structure damage.
3. The third priority would be to identify the lots, developed or undeveloped, that increase the wildfire risk to the community and/or to neighboring properties.

Your immediate action on this matter is appreciated and brings our community one step closer to being a “fire adaptive community”. The Firewise Committee voted that this request be sent to the board.

Please feel free to call me at (916)835-1549 if you have any questions.