

Communication from Public

Name: Matthew Stevens

Date Submitted: 04/05/2021 01:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, Please legalize cross-laminate timber / mass timber construction. It is the future of construction. Safe, cheap, and far more environmentally friendly than concrete. Moreover, we should not limit wood construction whatsoever in urban areas. There is no meaningful fire risk from it. That's a misrepresentation put forward by the concrete industry in bad-faith to limit competition from other forms of construction. The concrete industry is not a friend of the environment, safety, or affordability. Please don't reward them for their astroturf campaign.

Communication from Public

Name: Connor Finney

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Comments for Public Posting: Don't limit the use of wood in new buildings! Concrete is less sustainable and more expensive. If the city council cares, even a little bit, about climate sustainability and affordable housing you will oppose this nonsensical handout to the concrete industry.

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Name: Toby Muresianu

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing in to oppose this bill. Wood is more sustainable than concrete, which the source of 8% of the world's CO2 emissions. It is also a much less expensive material than concrete, at a time when materials costs have played a role in driving up the cost of housing. We should not limit wood construction at all in non-fire-zone, non-hillside urban areas. It's bad for the environment, bad for the affordability, and will not have an impact on fire risk; apartments built with finished wood aren't more susceptible to fire. This bill is a thinly veiled effort by the concrete industry to promote their product. Please defer to neutral experts rather than industry sources when it comes to writing fire codes. If we want materials even more sustainable than wood, we should move to allow mass timber construction in existing Fire District 1 areas, or other green construction products that are currently restricted.

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Comments for Public Posting: You should not limit wood construction in non-hillside, non-fire-hazard urban areas. This is environmentally irresponsible and raises the cost of housing unnecessarily. Moreover the council should affirmatively encourage/allow mass timber construction in existing fire district 1 areas. Timber construction is less expensive, earthquake-safer, and fixes (rather than releasing) carbon dioxide.