

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Endangered Habitats League (EHL) opposed including these lots, located within Very High Fire Severity Zones, in the Small Lots/Big Impact program. Selling such city-owned land, and putting more life and property at risk, has not been justified. Remaining vacant land in hillside areas tends to be highly constrained. The parcels in question are no exception. As prelude to even considering such sale, the City should first fully employ housing opportunities in areas not at high fire risk and closer to services and transit. Following that, a full safety evaluation including evacuation modeling would be necessary. Mitigation measures like home hardening are appropriate for existing structures, but cannot justify entirely new construction, as studies show that large numbers of up-to-code homes burn anyway.