

Communication from Public

Name: marianne king

Date Submitted: 12/09/2025 09:38 AM

Council File No: 25-1428

Comments for Public Posting: I am in full support of this motion! It is the most reasonable, most scientifically effective, and least destructive to our environment. As AB3074, Zone 0, will be a STATE MANDATE, it makes sense to approach such "one size fits all" legislation very carefully such that local jurisdictions can be more restrictive in the future should this become necessary. A more comprehensive approach including better home hardening and providing greater distances between new structures in conjunction with allowing well maintained vegetation will go a long way to reduce building loss in wind driven fires. Clearing out healthy well maintained vegetation and trees is not the answer. Thank you for standing up for Los Angeles. I know we can get this right.

Communication from Public

Name: Yael Pardess

Date Submitted: 12/09/2025 10:47 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Joanne D'Antonio

Date Submitted: 12/09/2025 09:07 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support this Council motion. Please vote YES on the motion directing LAFD to adopt Option 4 (Vegetation) and Option 2 (Trees), plus potted plants and exceptions for our protected trees in Zone 0. I have been following all the Board of Forestry's Zone 0 meetings, and I can vouch that these options are the ones that protect life safety while preserving the well-maintained plants and tree canopy that define Los Angeles neighborhoods. Our fire department agrees with this approach -- I know this as a member of the CFAC Brush Clearance Subcommittee that has been working with Brush Clearance Captain Chris Thyfault on these matters. This motion is an essential step to ensure Zone 0 is implemented in a way that is ecologically responsible, scientifically grounded, and appropriate for the built landscape of Los Angeles. Please vote YES.

Communication from Public

Name: Friends of Griffith Park

Date Submitted: 12/09/2025 11:22 AM

Council File No: 25-1428

Comments for Public Posting: Please accept this comment letter in strong support. Thank you!



Friends of Griffith Park

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December 9, 2025

Chair John Lee and Committee Members
Public Safety Committee
City of Los Angeles

Re: Support CF-1428 (Item 10 – Zone 0)

Friends of Griffith Park (FoGP) strongly supports a YES vote for Item 10, Council File 25-1428, in guiding the Los Angeles Fire Department to implement Option 2 and Option 4 of the State Zone 0 regulation which pertains to the five-foot area around residential structures in the highest fire risk areas.

Safeguarding both our human and plant communities, it is necessary to take this action since the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection is undecided on specifics of Zone 0 which is mandated by December 31, 2025, and expected to occur under emergency rulemaking.

Option 2 of the Tree Options for Zone 0 includes language that allows well-maintained trees within the five foot zone, with additional exceptions for trees falling under local protections, while branches must be 10 feet away from chimneys. Option 4 of the Vegetation Options for Zone 0 includes language that allows plants in pots and limits other vegetation, in addition to prohibiting dead or dying plants, needles, leaves, weeds, and combustible mulches.

The City of Los Angeles must act quickly to not lose hard fought efforts to support urban biodiversity. Without adopting Options 2 and 4, the regulation – as it stands – sharply conflicts with ecological proclamations, City tree protections, City Planning’s proposed Wildlife Ordinance, and science itself.

Sincerely,

Gerry Hans
President

About Friends of Griffith Park:

Friends of Griffith Park is a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable group that promotes the enlightened stewardship of Griffith Park so it can survive and thrive well beyond the 21st century. FoGP is committed to ensuring that Griffith Park, a public park and Los Angeles’ largest Historic-Cultural Monument, remain open, natural, and free to all citizens of Los Angeles.

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Name: C LoBuglio

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Communication from Public

Name: Diana Nicole
Date Submitted: 12/09/2025 12:34 PM
Council File No: 25-1428
Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached Coalition letter in support of motion introduced by Councilmembers Lee and Hernandez : Yes on 25-1428



12/9/25

Via Council File Submission (CF 25-1428)

Los Angeles City Council
Public Safety Committee

Re: Yes on CF 25-1428

Dear Chair and Members,

I am submitting this letter in my capacity as organizer of the **Coalition of Los Angeles Homeowner and Resident Organizations**, a citywide alliance representing thousands of households in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. Our coalition previously submitted a detailed joint sign-on letter to the State Board of Forestry on October 10, 2025, outlining our unified opposition to the State’s draft Zone 0 regulations and strongly supporting the City of Los Angeles’ adoption of the CFAC report as recorded in Council File 10-2468-S2. The coalition also issued a [public statement](#) reinforcing this action on October 14, 2025.

Because CF 25-1428 was only recently introduced and agendized for the December 10 Public Safety Committee meeting late last week, the coalition does not have sufficient time

to circulate a formal sign-on letter for signatures by all participating organizations before tomorrow.

However, I want to clearly convey two important points:

1. The coalition strongly supports this motion.

CF 25-1428 aligns with the concerns the organizations have consistently raised regarding the State's one-size-fits-all Zone 0 mandate. In particular, the motion's direction to the Los Angeles Fire Department to adopt Option 4 (Vegetation) and Option 2 (Trees) reflects the same science-based, locally informed approach the coalition advocated in our October sign-on letter. These options -- plus exceptions for our protected tree ordinance and potted plants -- allow well-maintained plants and trees in Zone 0, consistent with the City's position and with fire-science research while still prohibiting dead material and unsafe conditions.

2. A full coalition sign-on letter will follow for the Council's final vote.

Although the coalition cannot complete signatures today, I am fully confident that our organizations will sign onto a formal letter of support in advance of this item's consideration by the full City Council because it aligns directly with the positions we have jointly adopted and submitted to the State.

I respectfully request that you consider this letter an expression of the coalition's strong support and its intent to submit a formal sign-on endorsement shortly.

CF 25-1428 represents the kind of balanced, locally appropriate Zone 0 policy that Los Angeles residents overwhelmingly support—one that protects life and safety without sacrificing our urban forest, ecological integrity, or the lived realities of hillside and canyon communities.

Thank you for your leadership and for asserting local control at a time when the State's process has left cities without clarity or meaningful consultation.

Sincerely,

Diana Nicole MS
President
Sunshine Hill Residents Association
(Coalition Organizer)

Communication from Public

Name: Cynthia Hubach
Date Submitted: 12/09/2025 03:39 PM
Council File No: 25-1428

Comments for Public Posting: Dear members of the Public Safety Committee – I am writing in support of this well-crafted and timely motion. The California Board of Forestry commissioners have been working to set Zone 0 regulations as called for under AB3074 for nearly a year. What seemed like fairly a straightforward goal of establishing rules for an ember-resistant zone within 5’ of structures has proven to be enormously complex and the December 31st deadline set by the Governor will not be met. We have heard that emergency Zone 0 regulations could go into effect in the interim, but what that means exactly is unclear. This motion to instruct LAFD in conjunction with the City Attorney’s office to establish its own rules as this process continues is therefore prudent under these circumstances. The LAFD has not publicly supported any version of the Zone 0 regulations put forth so far, and in fact, Asst. Fire Marshall Kristine Larson stated before this committee on September 17th that the proposed removal of all vegetation within Zone 0 would not have mitigated the destructiveness of the January fires. Option #4 for vegetation and Option #2 for trees in the state’s latest draft plead in October are closest to LAFD’s current vegetation clearance regulations and are reasonable stand-ins as the process continues. Thank you for your action on this matter and your support for healthy, well-maintained vegetation in the City of Los Angeles Cyndi Hubach Chair, Vegetation Clearance Subcommittee, CFAC (as a private resident) Silver Lake

Communication from Public

Name: Mindy Rothstien Mann

Date Submitted: 12/09/2025 04:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I have lived in Benedict Canyon for over 45 years. This area is considered a High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. We are required by the LAFD to do an annual brush clearance and those who do not do so are penalized. In addition, I have worked for over 40 years together with the other members of the Benedict Canyon Association, to keep our residents informed about fire prevention and the latest scientific information. We work closely with our local fire chief to educate our residents about fire safety and the need to harden their homes. I am writing today to strongly support Council File 25-1428. I ask that you vote YES on the motion which directs LAFD to adopt Option 4 (Vegetation) as well as Option 2 (Trees). These options are critical as they will help protect our tree canopy, help prevent the loss of native plant communities, protect homeowner's privacy, prevent the decline of pollinators and songbirds, and also help to prevent the increased erosion and slope instability in our hillsides. This motion is an essential step to ensure that Zone 0 is implemented in a way that makes sense - in a way that is ecologically responsible, scientifically grounded, and appropriate for the built landscape of Los Angeles. Thank you in advance for voting YES! Sincerely,
Mindy Rothstein Mann

Communication from Public

Name: Emily Loughran

Date Submitted: 12/09/2025 06:17 PM

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