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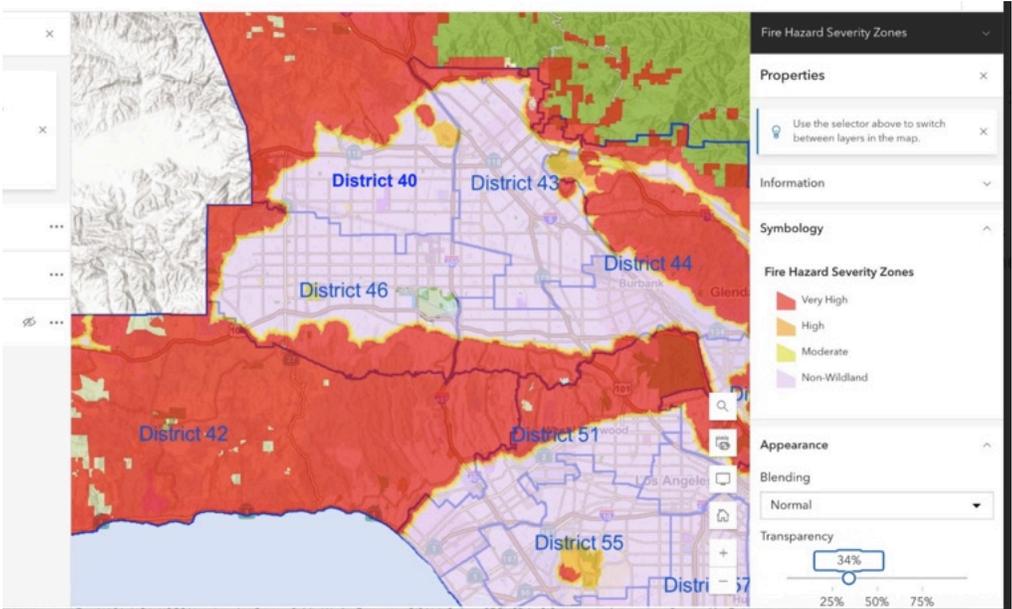
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Council File No: 26-0184

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Jacqueline Sly. I am writing to say that I strongly back Councilmember Blumenfield's Motion (CF 26-0184). I am a home owner in the area adjacent to the Woodland Hills Country Club. My husband and I moved here in 2017. My family - my great-grandmother, grandmother, mother, and aunts have lived in the San Fernando Valley for decades. Our community resides in the Girard Tract, an area designated as a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ). Crucially, this location lacks the necessary infrastructure to support the high-density construction proposed under AB 2011/2243. The City's obligation is clear: it must mandate a comprehensive CEQA review and an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to protect our public safety and the delicate Santa Monica Mountains ecosystem. I urge your approval of this motion to ensure responsible and equitable land use. While I live in Woodland Hills and had a line of sight to the Palisades Fire, I work in Pasadena alongside colleagues who lost their residences in the Eaton Fire last year in Altadena. For those unfamiliar with the area: typically, navigating in and out of Altadena via its grid structure of streets is straightforward. Yet, my coworkers still faced immense challenges while evacuating. They found themselves racing against the clock and trying to navigate through the rapidly shifting fire storm building around them with roads becoming unusable all around them. In direct contrast, the Palisades Fire showed us the exponentially worsening impacts of vehicle traffic in areas deficit in evacuation capacity. The Palisades and Eaton fires exploded in size within hours of each other on Jan. 7, 2025. The friends, colleagues, neighbors, and family whose health was impacted, who lost their homes, who lost their stability in the Palisades and Eaton Fires are still here and are still rebuilding as part of our community. We must also remember those who lost their lives. The Eaton fire killed at least 19 people and destroyed more than 9,000 buildings, becoming the fifth deadliest and the second most destructive wildfire in California history - it took 24 days to fully contain. The Palisades fire killed at least 12 people, burned approximately 23,707 acres, destroyed at least 6,800 structures, and took 44 days to fully contain. Los Angeles must make safe and effective neighborhood evacuation as a priority for all residents. I am urging the City to put our safety first.

The Fire Hazard Severity Zones overlaid on Assembly Distracts GIS Map.

Woodland Hills is in District 46 and our neighborhood is in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone in that district.



NY Times “It's the Hottest Neighbor in All of Los Angeles. (Bring Water.) ”

September 5th, 2024

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/09/05/us/woodland-hills-los-angeles-heat-wave.html>



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Woodland Hills has become the poster child for sweltering temperatures in the Los Angeles area, a mere 15 miles from the Pacific Ocean.

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By **Corina Knoll**

Reporting from the Los Angeles neighborhood of Woodland Hills, where the temperature could reach 117 degrees on Friday.

Sept. 5, 2024

It was once touted as a paradise “tempered by ocean breezes” — or so went the sales pitch of an ambitious developer more than a century ago.

The local newspaper soon added to the hyperbole, claiming that the area offered “splendid climatic conditions, as the weather is never hot on the warmest day.”

This magical place? Woodland Hills. Also now known as the neighborhood with the most brutal weather in all of Los Angeles during heat waves. Four years ago, it made history for ratcheting up to 121 degrees, a record for the region.

LA Times “Woodland Hills reels from record-setting heat and rainfall as extreme weather takes toll”

Feb 9th, 2024

Los Angeles Times



Woodland Hills is seen from the top of Topanga Overlook off Topanga Canyon Boulevard. The hilly, prosperous San Fernando Valley suburb has taken more than its share of weather pain. (Mel Melcon / Los Angeles Times)



By Summer Lin and Salvador Hernandez

Feb. 9, 2024 Updated 6:43 AM PT

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2024-02-09/climate-change-pushes-l-a-city-from-extreme-heat-to-extreme-rainfall>

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Name: Matthew heisie

Date Submitted: 02/20/2026 09:17 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To the Honorable Members of the PLUM Committee and LA Office of the City Clerk; I am a resident of the Woodland Hills community, having lived here since 2017. I am writing to urge your immediate approval of Councilmember Blumenfield's motion (CF 26-0184). The proposed development at 4868 N. Canoga Ave is an attempt to use "ministerial" streamlining (AB 2011/2243) in a location where it is fundamentally unsafe and legally inapplicable. My support for this motion is based on the following critical points: Documented Fire Danger: Since moving here in 2017, my family and I have been under official fire evacuation warnings twice. We live in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ). The developer's claim that this open-space land is "non-vacant" to bypass fire-zone safety prohibitions is a dangerous legal fiction that puts our lives at risk. Failed Ingress/Egress: Our community effectively has only two roads in and out. Adding nearly 400 high-density units—and the hundreds of vehicles that come with them—to a hillside area with such limited egress and no infrastructure improvements is a recipe for catastrophe during the next inevitable wildfire. Misapplication of "Commercial Corridor" Intent: The spirit of AB 2011 was to revitalize underutilized urban strip malls and paved commercial lots. This site is a golf course in the heart of an 'open space' - zoned, environmentally sensitive Santa Monica Mountains protected ecosystem. To classify this as a "commercial corridor" ignores the actual topography and the intent of the Girard Tract Specific Plan. The City must acknowledge that if a project requires "waivers" for basic infrastructure—like even the sidewalks this developer is already seeking to avoid—it does not meet the "objective standards" required for ministerial approval. I urge the Committee to approve this motion and protect the safety and integrity of the Girard Tract. Sincerely, Matthew Heisie
Woodland Hills, 91364