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Fwd: CF# 09-1977-S2 - Brush Clearance Motion - Public Safety Committee

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Sharon, forgive me.... forgot to copy the most important person of all.... YOU! Please confirm that this item will be on the Public Safety Committee agenda tomorrow, Wednesday, August 23 at 8:30 am.

Thank you so much.

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Sent: Thu, Aug 17, 2017 12:02 pm

Subject: CF# 09-1977-S2 - Brush Clearance Motion - Public Safety Committee

Dear Chairman English, Vice Chair O'Farrell and distinguished Councilmembers of the Public Safety Committee:

We are writing to you today to express our support for the motion on your agenda regarding Brush Clearance made by Councilmember Paul Koretz(**see attached**)

In 2009, Councilmember Koretz introduced a similar motion that went nowhere(**see attached**) but we wanted those members of the Public Safety Committee who were not on the City Council to have some historical reference point.. Here we are again, in 2017, **8 YEARS** later, asking for the Public Safety Committee to act on this important issue. Over the past several years, we have seen brush fires occur during 'brush clearance'. Because of the dedicated and talented firefighters of our LAFD, those of us in the hillsides have not had a devastating fire like our neighbors in Santa Barbara, Oakland Hills, La Canada, Placerta Canyon, Mailbu, among other places in our City and County.

This is a simple motion in that it asks for recommendations from the LAFD and City Attorney's office to make recommendations on having Fire Suppression equipment on site when brush clearance is being done. We who live in the hillside areas of Los Angeles have been fortunate but for how long? How can we help protect our brave men and women of the LAFD who are sent out to fight these dangerous fires? We know that the LAFD has a list of recommended vendors who are licensed and bonded to do brush clearance but they have no authority to mandate that a private property owner use these companies. Why not?

Fire is not a respecter of neighborhoods; locations; wealth or boundaries as we know from our history - the 1961 Bel Air Fire; the 1979 Kirkwood Bowl Fire and the Griffith Park fire that, without the knowledge and strategic command of the LAFD, would have been catastrophic to property, open space and

Let's get this done with this as the first step in addressing this issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Sidlow - Lookout Mountain Alliance - Laurel Canyon - long time hillside resident
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Steven Poster - Lookout Mountain Alliance - Laurel Canyon - long time hillside resident
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