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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(19) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 07/25/2018

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 09/18/2018

Update to a Previous Input: Yes

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 09-1977-S2

Agenda Date: 07/25/2018

Item Number: 17.b.

Summary: Please see enclosed letter requesting a ban on metal-blade weed whackers, especially for use in the hillsides.



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Request of City, County and State Elected and Non-Elected Officials
Re: Weed Whacker Ban in the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County and State of California
And Updated Community Impact Statement for Council File #09-1977-S2

Dear Honorable Council Members Paul Koretz and David Ryu, Mayor Eric Garcetti, Fire Chief Ralph Terrazas, County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Senator Ben Allen and Assemblyman Richard Bloom:

We, Robin Greenberg and Nickie Miner, declare that we are the President and Vice President respectively of the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council (BABCNC), and on July 25, 2018, a Brown-Act noticed public meeting was held by the BABCNC. With a quorum of 19 committee members present, and by a vote of 19 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions, the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council voted to approve the following:

Pursuant to City Council File # 09-1977-S2, which includes the LA City Council's adoption of the LAFD Fire Chief Ralph Terrazas' Recommended Amendments to Fire Code and Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Regarding Brush Clearance, the BABCNC requests a City, County and State ban on use of metal blade weed whackers, which are known to cause sparks leading to fires, especially in the hillsides (VHFHSZs).

See enclosed LAFD report, to "Instruct the Fire Prevention and Public Safety (FPB) of the Fire Department and the City Attorney to provide a draft document amending or adding ordinance to Sections 57.305.2.1, 57.305.5.2, 57.305.5.2.2, 57.305.5.2.2.1 and 57.305.5.2.3 of Article 7, Chapter V of the LAMC to regulate unwanted fire ignitions by use of metal cutting blades. Provide within the body of the aforementioned amendments, specific language addressing equipment, safety mitigation procedures, requisite permits and restrictions, penalties, designated applicable areas, known as VHFHSZ where such measures will be implemented."

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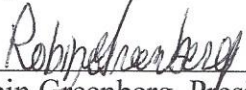
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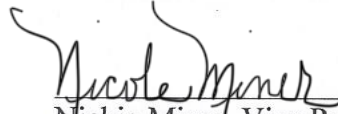
Included in the Fire Chief's report, were 10 safety measures, including #10 which states: "Brush contractors shall not use metal cutting blades that have an inherent risk of causing sparks while clearing grass or flash fuels.

Exception: If the clearance of areas of brush necessitates the use of metal cutting blades, only non-ferrous/non-sparking cutting blades shall be used."

It is our understanding that human-caused fires aside from arson have been an issue for years in California and that legislation has just commenced in September 2017, by City Council, and that Chief Ralph Terrazas' report was presented this June for legislation. We understand that getting it right for safety and economic balance is important; however, the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council urges the city to expedite a ban on use of metal blade weed whackers, as per Fire Chief Terrazas' recommendations, to prevent more fires, burned homes and potential loss of life.



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