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Land use and development activities are on-going Citywide. These activities cannot occur without the necessary building and safety permits, and land use discretionary actions when they are necessary.

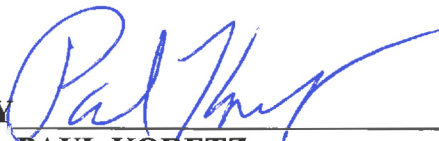
In addition, when a development project is located in a hillside area of the City, the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners must approve any needed haul route permits in order for a project to proceed. The Department of Building and Safety works with the Fire Department to ensure the safety of impacted neighborhood residents.

Development projects oftentimes must also follow a construction schedule to complete a project, inasmuch as financing is associated with a completion timeline, and to satisfy insurance requirements.

Fully permitted development projects, however, should also adhere to any and all emergency evacuations, foremost as when a fire occurs in proximity to a development and construction project, such as the recent *Skirball fire* in Bel Air, which broke out in the Sepulveda Pass and Bel Air areas in West Los Angeles scorching 422 acres and destroying at least four homes, and which caused the closure of the Getty Center and the nearby Skirball Center.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of Building and Safety, Planning Department, and the Fire Department, in consultation with the City Attorney, to prepare a report with recommendations on how to initiate a temporary moratorium on construction projects during an emergency evacuation, such as the recent Skirball fire in Bel Air.

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