

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: In June, the representatives of the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance voted to oppose Councilmember Blumenfield's motion to expand Fire District 1 (in Council File 19-0603). The Department of Building and Safety's report was not supportive, for many of the concerns raised by members of our network. Our concerns include:

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June 25, 2021

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Thank you,



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Steering Board Member