

**Argument in Support of CFD Wildfire Prevention District**

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VOTE YES to continue wildfire prevention in Oakland's historically high risk fire areas.

The Wildfire Prevention District originally formed after the massive firestorm of 1991 killing 25 people and destroying over 3,000 Oakland homes.

In this devastating tragedy, fire spread rapidly - even jumping Highway 24 - because trees and weeds had grown out of control. Roads blocked by this dense brush made it difficult for fire trucks to maneuver.

The Wildfire Prevention District provides a consistent, stable source of funding for services to prevent wildfires and the spread of fire. For 10 years, the District's stewardship prevented another significant Oakland fire. During this same time, other communities that don't have a dedicated district experienced large fires. Just this year, Arizona suffered destruction and death due to wildfire, and other California communities are currently firestorm victims.

We've been protected by our dedicated Wildfire Prevention District services. It has not been luck; we must continue to be vigilant. Wildfire prevention services are essential to keep our homes and lives safe from another disaster.

VOTE YES to continue services to prevent wildfires and fire spread, including: clearing excess brush/weeds; maintaining firebreaks preventing spread; high danger day patrols; tree removal; and clearing emergency exits.

Oakland's most effective fire prevention strategy is goat grazing to reduce fire fuel on grasslands. We must continue this environmentally friendly, four-legged, weed control and fire protection crew!

VOTE YES to secure funding to remove brush so firefighters can get to our homes in a fire.

Funds can ONLY be used for wildfire prevention services within the District. A citizens advisory oversight committee, annual audits, and an annual plan informed by a qualified biologist and district residents ensures continued long-term, cost effective management to achieve wildfire safety.

VOTE YES to continue the Wildfire Prevention District.

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