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One year ago, fifty members of our community petitioned you.

Our petition asked that in light of our fire danger – which is described as the most extreme in North America – that restrictions, imposed by you, on our ability to create defensible and survivable space around our homes, be eliminated.

To our disappointment, our petition did not initiate a conversation.

Not one phone call.

No discussion.

Not a peep.

The plea of 50 Citizens of this County was ignored.

However, the County did respond in April of this year when planning proposed new regulations for habitat protection – a plan which is aimed directly at our community – a plan that further restricts our ability to protect our homes and our lives..

Was this plan the result of consultation with our community? ---- no.

Does this new plan accommodate our communities concerns regarding fire safety? – no.

In fact, your Planning department openly admits that it has no need to consult with those affected by their proposed policies.

As one senior planner stated: “We have neither the time or the resources to engage in a give and take with the public”.

Well, as you know, three weeks ago, fire destroyed much of our community. Fortunately no lives were lost.

Those of of who survived did so in spite of you, not because of you.

We may not be so lucky next time. Next time, fire may come, with little warning, during the middle of the night, not the middle of the day.

Next time we will be counting lives lost, not houses burnt.

My contact information is provided.