

From: [Nick Mitchell](#)
To: [Winnacker, David](#); d [REDACTED]; [Info](#)
Cc: [Nick Mitchell](#)
Subject: 22-03 and changes to fire district designation
Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 4:45:21 PM

Board, Chief Winnacker and District Secretary Holbrook:

Thank you for your service and the support of our community.

I am unable to attend the Board Zoom meeting this evening, please include this letter as my **objection** to 22 03 in that the consequences of a high fire danger to the individuals, families and homeowners in the Orinda area may be significantly impacted with a change in the fire zone designation in Orinda. Particularly, the costs on fixed income, elderly and lower income residence can be significant, lower property values, cancelled insurance policies, etc.

I strongly encourage you to delay any action on this until all options (including stricter local codes and enforcement of codes) can be studied in full and the entire community can understand the costs that this action will create.

I do support enforcement of existing codes and stronger codes, but I do not support a categorical designation of high fire danger.

The Mitchells – [REDACTED].

Thank you,

Nick Mitchell, CPA

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From: [Winnacker, David](#)
To: [Holbrook, Marcia](#)
Cc: [Pam Rhodes](#)
Subject: FW: Fire danger rating change - very concerned
Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 4:57:32 PM

Marcia,
Please see below for correspondence received to be included in this evening's meeting.

Thank you,

Dave Winnacker
Fire Chief
Moraga-Orinda Fire District



From: Pam Rhodes <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 4:49 PM
To: Winnacker, David <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Fire danger rating change - very concerned

Hello Chief Winnacker. I cannot attend the meeting tonight so I'm emailing you instead. I'm an Orinda resident and very concerned about why we can't achieve the goal of stricter fire codes simply by changing our own code? Why do we have to change our fire danger rating? Will our insurance be at risk?

Thank you!

Pamela Rhodes



From: [Winnacker, David](#)
To: [Holbrook, Marcia](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: MFOD proposed zoning change to make Orinda a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone
Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 4:57:32 PM

Marcia,
Please see below for communication received to be included in this evening's meeting.

Thank you,

Dave Winnacker
Fire Chief
Moraga-Orinda Fire District



From: Darlene Davidge [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 4:35 PM
To: Winnacker, David <[REDACTED]>
Subject: MFOD proposed zoning change to make Orinda a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone

Dear Chief Winnacker:

We respectfully request this zoning change proposal be postponed until it is understood how this will affect homeowners and fire insurance for the residents of Orinda. Many of us are currently facing huge hikes in the cost of insurance, or being dropped completely from our insurance companies. My husband and I will unfortunately be unable to attend tonight's zoom meeting, so we are sending this email to voice our concern.

Thank you for your consideration.

Darlene & Keith Davidge
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From: [Winnacker, David](#)
To: [Judy Clayton](#); [Holbrook, Marcia](#)
Subject: Re: Postpone the vote on the rezoning proposal.
Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 5:14:40 PM

Marcia,

Please see below for communication received to be included in this evening's meeting.

Dave Winnacker
Fire Chief
Moraga Orinda Fire District

On Mar 16, 2022, at 5:12 PM, Judy Clayton [REDACTED] > wrote:

Dear Chief Winnacker,

I am writing to request that you postpone the request to Rezone Orinda/Moraga to a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone at tonight's meeting.

My neighbors and I have just been made aware of this proposal and have many questions which should be properly addressed before any action is taken.

Thank you,
Judy Clayton

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From: [Ivy Anderson](#)
To: [Info](#)
Subject: Moraga fire hazard designation
Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 5:33:25 PM

Dear Director Jex and MOFD Board of Directors -

I live at 4008 Campolindo Dr in the Campolindo development of Moraga. I'm writing to ask you not to raise the fire danger designation for Moraga.

Our neighborhoods - certainly this is true in Campolindo - have already been highly proactive in fire mitigation over the past year and more. We have active wardens who advise homeowners on mitigation requirements and strategies and work actively to organize such activities. For example, my husband and I have just spent nearly \$10,000 in fuel break mitigation on a section of our property adjacent to the Lafayette Rim trail, specifically to protect against wildfire spreading. The evidence of this kind of continuous fire-wise activity is everywhere in our neighborhoods.

I believe that this is evidence of the already high fire safety consciousness in our town. To raise our fire danger status seems to risk punishing homeowners for the care and attention we already place on this issue, risking a potentially severe impact on future home sales and insurability. This cannot be good for the town; we need homeowners, and indeed the town as a whole, to be focused on fire safety implementation, not punitive designations.

We all take fire risk seriously, and we're all in this together. If more needs to be done, education and outreach, and where needed, enforcement, would seem to be more productive strategies rather than enacting ordinances that put our insurance statuses at risk.

Thank you,

Ivy Anderson
