CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES
ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

RE: City of Rancho Palos Verdes Efforts to Help Reduce Wildfire Risks

Dear Insurance Agent,

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes (RPV) is dedicated to minimizing wildfire risks through prevention, early detection, and home hardening techniques aimed at safeguarding both property and lives. On behalf of the policy owner, this letter is being provided to you and your adjuster outlining the City's strategies and measures to reduce wildfire risk intended to contribute to more favorable insurance premium rates and policy availability for our residents and businesses.

RPV collaborates closely with the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD), a Class II department recognized by the Insurance Services Office (ISO). Covering approximately 26.3 square miles and serving an estimated 65,000 Palos Verdes Peninsula (PVP) residents, LACoFD operates six strategically located fire stations, including two within RPV.

Notably, RPV enhances its wildfire management capabilities with the following measures to significantly improving our emergency response and preparedness:

- Maintaining City-owned landscaped and open spaces near residential areas through year-round fuel modification. RPV's robust ANNUAL WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM aims to create defensible spaces between open areas and combustible structures, significantly reducing fire fuel load. Regular inspections ensure adherence to LACoFD's Defensible Space requirements.

- GOAT GRAZING FOR FUEL MODIFICATION: On city-owned lands including public rights-of-way. Goats effectively remove brush and grass from hard to access terrain thereby significantly reducing fire loads and risks.

- GENASYS PROTECT (ZONE HAVEN): Implemented in May 2023, this critical emergency preparedness tool is available to residents at PVPready.gov, as an Evacuation Management Platform in identifying evacuation zones and guiding residents on necessary actions during emergencies.

- PANO AI'S WILDFIRE CAMERAS: This network of AI cameras provide early detection of wildfire smoke across the Palos Verdes Peninsula and has proven effective in delivering timely and accurate early alerts for fire ignitions.

- HELOPOD FIREFIGHTING DIP SOURCE: The City installed a HeloPod at its Civic Center that is in close proximity to open space and canyons areas enabling rapid water refilling for firefighting helicopters.

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The City has further initiated the following measures to enhance community safety against wildfires:

- Firescaping training workshops.
- Wildire Mitigation events and presentations.
- Home hardening videos.
- Monthly emergency preparedness safety tips.
- Collaborative efforts with Southern California Edison (SCE) for utility line hardening and undergrounding.
- A comprehensive Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, offering in-depth insights into RPV's wildfire mitigation strategies (see Volume 2 of the Plan).

Rancho Palos Verdes' efforts to reduce wildfire risk within the City, as outline above, has earned the City a place on the California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection's Fire Risk Reduction Community List, effective July 1, 2026. You can find the designation document on the next page.

For any further information or queries, please contact Luna Mohammad, Emergency Management Coordinator, LMohammad@rpvca.gov Phone - (310) 544-5209.

We appreciate your consideration of this matter and anticipate a favorable assessment for our residents and business owners seeking insurance coverage.

Sincerely,



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FIRE RISK REDUCTION COMMUNITY

DESIGNATION

THIS DESIGNATION IS PROUDLY PRESENTED TO

City of Rancho Palos Verdes

THIS COMMUNITY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS A FIRE RISK REDUCTION COMMUNITY FOR THE 2026 LIST AS DESIGNATED BY THE CALIFORNIA BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION. THIS DESIGNATION IS VALID FROM 7/1/2026 THROUGH 6/30/2028. THIS DESIGNATION HAS BEEN GRANTED FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN 14 CCR § 1268.01-1268.04.

7/1/2026

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TONY ANDERSON, EXECUTIVE OFFICER