

Supplementary Material: Draft Letter to KFPD Board to Supervisor Gioia

Dear Supervisor Gioia:

The Kensington Fire Protection Board understands that over \$3 million in Measure X funds are available for vegetation reduction and removal in Contra Costa County. Priorities are being set by CCCFD in consultation with local FDs. As you know, Kensington is in a very dangerous part of the WUI bordering Tilden Park, and several trail areas such as Schoolhouse and Hilltop are adjacent to areas that could be cleaned up. We write to ask about the priority that the County has placed on Kensington for reception of some Measure X funds for these purposes. We realize that large-ticket infrastructure items, such as (re-)opening fire stations in rural areas, have been given first priority in Measure X funding as a whole. We ask whether there are specific funds for which we can apply.

We also know that your office is monitoring the question of how PG&E is identifying high risk power lines in our area that they can begin undergrounding. We understand that they have been making repairs to some large trestles, such as those along Moeser Lane into Wildcat Canyon, but we urge your support for corridors along the WUI in Kensington, some of which have poles that are over 60 years old and in deteriorating shape. These are impediments to evacuation of areas with few, narrow, convoluted roads and a danger of falling over during earthquake and wildfire. We ask if PG&E has presented you any plans and a potential schedule for undergrounding their equipment in Kensington and our immediate area.

As always, we thank you for your attention to Kensington's needs and issues.

Cc: Interim Chief Jose Castrejon