

Lisa Driscoll

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Cc: Soheila Bana
Subject: Request for vegetation manager for the 94803 ZIP code area
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Hi Ms. Driscoll,

On the afternoon of Aug. 14, there was a fire on the hillside very close to my backyard. It burned behind the houses that are only two, three, and maybe four lots up the street from mine. Flying embers set a number of trees on fire, including one that was across the street -- hundreds of feet from the hillside. Part of a retaining wall burned, and the back windows of one house were blown out by the heat.

Fortunately the firefighters responded quickly and thoroughly, but as you can imagine, the blaze could have turned disastrous. I live near the bottom of a steep dead-end street, and had the fire gotten out of control, people up the street would have had to have tried to flee on foot.

Because of the extreme fire danger, there is a strong need for a vegetation manager in the 94803 ZIP code area, where I live. The area is a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, as it's part of the wildland-urban interface.

Both the Richmond Fire Department and the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District are underfunded.

We request a \$150,000 annual budget to hire a vegetation manager to mitigate fire fuels by issuing notices and citations and enforcing abatement codes by hiring contractors in both unincorporated El Sobrante and Richmond under the direction of the fire marshals of the city and county, who would work together on this project.

Can you please confirm that you've received this email? I'm attaching a photo of the fire.

Thank you,

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