

Lisa Driscoll

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Hello, Ms. Driscoll,

I am a Richmond resident living in the Carriage Hills neighborhood . Our area abuts a lot of vegetation, and there is a great fire danger in the 94803 zip code area as a whole. We also have only a single access route for emergency vehicles and evacuation, Castro Ranch Road.

As I'm sure you, know, both the city and county fire departments are not fully funded, so we need as much help as possible in reducing our fire risk. The 94803 zip code area is a **Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone** with its Wildland Urban Interface.

What we really need is a **Vegetation Manager**. Please consider a **\$150,000** annual budget to hire a Vegetation Manager. The person in this position could help mitigate fuels by issuing notices and citations, and enforcing abatement codes by hiring contractors in both unincorporated El Sobrante and Richmond, under the joint direction of the city and county Fire Marshals.

Thank you.

Xia Horowitz