



# COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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At the September 21, 2020 meeting of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council, the following resolution was passed by the Board of Directors:

## **Motion recommending mitigation of fire hazards in Coastal San Pedro parks.**

**Whereas** future fire seasons are likely to be more prolonged and intense due to climate change, and we are currently experiencing an especially high-risk fire season;

**Whereas** there was a recent significant fire in Angel's Gate Park that was very near homes, the Korean Friendship Bell monument, the Marine Exchange facility, and the Upper Fort MacArthur national historic site;

**Whereas** there is currently significant brush "fuel" in open areas in Coastal San Pedro parklands;

**Whereas** many of these areas are not easily accessible to emergency responders in the case of a fire or other time-critical emergency, making preventive measures and pro-active preparation especially important;

**Therefore Be It Resolved that** the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges the Department of Recreation and Parks to work with Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) to assess and remediate potential fire hazards in Coastal San Pedro parks.

**Be It Further Resolved that** the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges LAFD to direct the Department of Recreation and Parks to perform regularly scheduled necessary fire risk abatement measures for these open park areas and report back to CSPNC with the schedule of abatement measures and also to confirm all existing access points and fire roads in the Coastal San Pedro parks as well as areas where gates should remain unlocked during hours when the public is able to access the parks.

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***And Be It Further Resolved that*** the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the two departments submit a joint written summary of their risk assessment and mitigation plan to the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council and the office of the City of Los Angeles 15th City Council District by December 1, 2020.

Please contact Robin Rudisill, Chair of the CSPNC Planning Committee, at 310-721-2343 should you have any questions related to this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas Epperhart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Doug Epperhart, President  
On behalf of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board

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