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**Linda Vista-Annandale Association**

**Mayor Tornek and Councilmembers  
c/o City Clerk Mark Jomsky**

**Re: Council Meeting November 18, 2019; Agenda Item 16 -- PWP Wildfire Mitigation Plan**

**Mayor Tornek and Councilmembers:**

The "high wildfire danger" neighborhood represented by the Linda Vista-Annandale Association (LVAA) includes areas with overhead Electrical installations. One example is Lida St., including near the Hillside Art Center campus. These overhead Electrical installations have the potential to cause or exacerbate dangerous wildfires, and are of ongoing concern to our Association.

The Mitigation Plan before you does a good job of covering overhead design issues, and the possibilities of cutting power to mitigate wildfire dangers, including notifying customers. However, under the "new normal" of potentially catastrophic wildfire dangers, the Plan seems to ignore an obvious solution: under-grounding of overhead wires in high wildfire danger areas such as our neighborhood. We understand that under-grounding brings its own issues to the table, including maintenance issues and funding, but shouldn't PWP and the City give another look to this obvious wildfire mitigation measure, including making under-grounding in high wildfire danger areas a top priority for planning and implementation purposes?

Thank you for your attention to our comments and concerns.

Sincerely,

Nina Chomsky, LVAA President

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