



May 20, 2024

The Honorable Monique Limon
State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 6510
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1101 (Limon): Fire Prevention – SUPPORT (As Amended on May 16, 2024)

Dear Senator Limon:

On behalf of the City of Santa Rosa, I am writing to express our support position on your Senate Bill (SB) 1101, which would streamline contracting and procurement for CAL Fire to better be positioned to perform prescribed fires. Further, the bill would improve mapping of post-fire impacts to aid in future wildfire responses.

NATALIE ROGERS
Mayor

MARK STAPP
Vice Mayor

The City of Santa Rosa has made tremendous progress with reducing wildfire risk locally. Millions of dollars were secured through CalOES, FEMA, HCD and from the City's PG&E settlement as a result of the 2017 Fires to focus on wildfire risk reduction projects and emergency preparedness. We hope this legislation continues the state's trend in allocating critical resources and reforming operations to better prepare communities like Santa Rosa for potential wildfires.

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CAL Fire has jurisdiction over 31 million acres of State Responsibility Area and plays a critical role in implementing and supporting prescribed fire in California. The City of Santa Rosa sees CAL Fire as a key partner in preventing wildfires. We hope with this legislation we can continue to work with the state on various mitigation and resiliency measures such as data sharing, resource allotment, and preparedness.

The City currently does conduct prescribed fires in partnership with CAL FIRE as part of the City's overall strategic plan approved by the City Council – the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). The CWPP serves as the City's roadmap to reduce the risk of wildfires. Prescribed fire and mechanical fuel treatments are some of the main risk reduction options identified in the CWPP to help with vegetation management.

The City of Santa Rosa strongly supports SB 1101. Should you have any questions please contact our legislative advocate, Alyssa Silhi with the Renne Public Policy Group, at (916) 849-5536.

Sincerely,

Natalie Rogers
Mayor