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Dear Planning Commissioners and City Staff,

Once again the documents before you on Middle Housin are presented in the silo of housing without consideration to the impact on infrastructure and services, specifically the impact on the Fire Department facilities, equipment, staffing and services.

Until the Planning Department Staff and Planning Commission Commissioners have a full and complete presentation from the Fire Department and read the Fire Department Strategic Plan, you are all unprepared to determine the impact of increased density on the delivery of services including a Wildland Urban Interface Wildfire.

I do not live in the Berkeley Hills or in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, however, I have done enough reading and seen enough wildfire outcomes in the news to know that a fire in the hills puts all of Berkeley at risk. And, the current capacity to evacuate people in Berkeley in a wildfire whether permanent residents or unfortunate visitors is certainly doubtful.

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