



December 7, 2021

**Via Email**

Laura Shell, Chair  
Planning Commission  
Los Angeles County  
320 W Temple St  
Los Angeles CA 90012

Re: Safety Element Update and Amendment to Land Use – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Shell and Members of the Commission:

On behalf of the Council of Infill Builders, a statewide organization of real estate professionals committed to improving the quality of California's downtown, transit-oriented communities, I write to support the Safety Element Update and Amendment to Land Use Element.

Wildfires across California have increased in severity in recent years due to climate change and poor land use decision-making. The Safety Element takes a reasonable approach to limiting development in the most dangerous and fire-prone parts of the county. The county needs growth patterns that avoid continued expansion of new development in the dangerous zones of the wildland-urban interface (WUI) and instead promote development in urbanized areas near transit. The Safety Element's focus on limiting further expansion within the WUI is therefore essential to protecting life and property and encouraging more sensible land use.

The County rightly provides for large-scale exceptions for infill development. For subdivisions surrounded by existing development that can be safely evacuated, these infill projects can still move forward. The County should further promote infill development through its land use framework and housing element process, as well as streamline approvals for meritorious infill projects that do not place residents in harm's way.

The Council of Infill Builders thanks you for your important work to grow Los Angeles County safely and sustainably.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Meea Kang". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Meea Kang  
Council of Infill Builders