

To the M.C. Board of Supervisors:

We have just learned that the draft of the budget for the upcoming fiscal year proposes to reduce the County's support for Mendocino County Fire Safe Council from \$100,000 to \$25,000/year.

They are engaged in vital fuels-reduction and educational programs, and hope to continue increasing their affiliated network of Neighborhood Fire Safe Councils so that they can do the work needed to help all residents of Mendocino County to survive in this wildfire-prone environment.

Fire season is here, and there is much work to do. At the County's proposed level of funding for next year, the MCFSC would need to reduce its operations and its effectiveness. Given the current drought and ever-increasing wildfire risk, sustained funding is needed.

Please increase the MCFSC's funding to at least \$50,000, (better yet, keep it at \$100,000!) to support more fire-safety work in our community.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Y. & E. Rose