

Dear Board of Supervisors;

I was recently informed that the Board is in the process of developing and approving their 2020/2021 fiscal budget, and that it has been proposed that funding for the **Mendocino County Fire Safety Council** be decreased.

As an East Hills Valley resident, I recognize the important work that MCFSC has done to facilitate greater fire safety in our community and I am concerned that their work will be compromised if they do not receive adequate funding again.

As we all have learned, fire safety measures, in order to be consistent and effective, must be done on an ongoing basis. The danger in our community is ever present, and I believe we must all continue to be cautious, proactive and diligent.

I encourage you to re-consider the proposed budgetary amount, and to increase that amount to at least \$50,000 so that they can continue this important work. A commitment to support this council is an essential step towards ensuring fire safety in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Leslie Saxon West and Alan West