

Dear Supervisors,

I'm writing to urge you to **fund the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council at a minimum of \$50,000** in the upcoming budget. This funding, or more, is critical to enable the Council to operate at even a baseline level and be able to work with citizens and affiliates to make our county as safe as possible against fires. It's hard to contemplate now, but still we know that fires are a near inevitability in the coming months.

I'm sure you have very difficult decisions and choices to make, in view of recent and current challenges; but maximizing fire safety is surely a top priority and governmental responsibility. Please treat it as such in your forthcoming budget decisions.

Thank you for your consideration.
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