

Dear Supervisors:

Reduce the budget of the Fire Safe Council? Please no. Hardening one's home in our rural area is much too expensive for most people in the county; this is where government can shine and partner with citizens. Because of last September's chipper day in my neighborhood outside Fort Bragg, my husband and I took down 11 dangerous dead and dying trees, and cleaned up all windfall debris on our 3 acre property. Every year I try to do something to make our property more likely to survive a wildfire, this one project was more than I had achieved in the preceding 25 years.

Please keep or increase the council's budget so we can all sleep a little better after having done what we can for safety's sake. Limbing up our trees is this fall's project, and we won't be able to do it if we can't afford to dispose of the brush.

Thanks for your attention and consideration,
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