

Avalon Residents 9-3-26 Meeting Handout

The City needs a legal basis on which to deny approval. We believe state law AB 747 gives them something.

We suggest including the talking points that relate to increased fire risk and evacuation route gridlock in your comment letter.

Your Woolsey Fire and Kenneth Fire experiences that emphasize increased fire risk and evacuation route gridlock should also be included.

Specifically mention that you want the public safety protections of state law AB 747 related to wildfire and evacuation route gridlock. The Programmatic EIR does not meet those requirements. The evacuation traffic assessments are not detailed or specific enough and don't examine realistic scenarios.

Suggested "talking points"

The whole west side of the City is a known wildfire corridor. The LA County Fire Department confirms it to be true.

The City's Cal Fire designation of Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ) confirms that the fire risk is real.

Public safety concerns have been raised on every development in the Las Virgenes Corridor.

The proposed Avalon expansion project increases fire risk and negatively impacts emergency evacuation routes for all west side residents, and puts residents of its own development at that same high level of risk.

The City has responsibility for the residents' public safety.

AB 747 (rev. 2022), is a state mandated law that the City must follow. Its purpose is to protect a community from unreasonable risks associated with the effects of wildland and urban fires, and emergency evacuation route hazards.

The City is relying on an emergency evacuation traffic assessment that does not meet the requirements of AB 747.

In the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments 2024 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and in the City's Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), residents cited issues with evacuation routes, specifically as their top public safety concern.

Suggestions to personalize your comment letter:

How long have you lived in Calabasas? What appeals to you most about Calabasas? Why did you choose to live here?

If you're a working single parent of school-aged children or both parents work, are you concerned about being able to get back home in time to keep them safe in an emergency when roadways are gridlocked?

Were you living in Calabasas during the Woolsey Fire? What was your evacuation experience like?

Do you feel that the City has done enough to improve emergency evacuation conditions? Do you trust a traffic report that concludes the Avalon project will have no significant impact on public safety? Does that make you feel safer or less safe?