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## **Do NOT Recommend Any Code Waivers**

I'm writing in response to the Governor's attempt to suspend important California Building Codes, and support for the California Energy Commission to NOT recommend any code waivers. One important aspect of the building code is the additional fire-resilient strategies outlined in Chapter 7A (Materials and Construction Methods for Exterior Wildfire Exposure), which only apply to areas considered "High Fire Hazard Severity Zones". The problem is we are seeing many communities being burned down that are \*not\* in that designation and when they rebuild are not using this important resilience code. I saw this happen in my hometown in Santa Rosa when the Coffey Park neighborhood rebuilt. 1) We should not be suspending current fire-resiliency building codes, and 2) we should amend Chapter 7A to apply to all new construction not just designated "High Fire Hazard Severity Zones". All California communities are unfortunately at wildfire-risk in our changing climate reality.