



Thank you, Oakland, for supporting Oakland Firesafe Council accomplishments this past year:

- Released the first-ever State-wide Best Practices Defensible Space Study, based on input from 49 fire departments and Firesafe Councils in California. The 2019 report revealed that targeted outreach and strict enforcement improves community compliance with local inspections (<https://oaklandfiresafecouncil.org/2019-defensible-space-study/>)
- Launched Oakland Community Preparedness & Readiness Program (OCP&R) to organize neighborhoods throughout the Oakland hills and foothills for emergency preparedness, crime prevention and wildfire prevention through the national Firewise USA® program. (<https://oaklandfiresafecouncil.org/oakland-cpr/>)
- Organized a team effort to increase the Oakland's vegetation management budget to \$2 million for 2019-20, and \$1.1 million for 2020-21 to provide additional funding for the increased vegetation on city roads and open space due to last winter's rains.
- Successfully persuaded the City to reclassify Vegetation Management Inspectors as a combined commercial/vegetation management classification to stem the continuing loss of vegetation management inspectors to the higher paying commercial inspector positions. We anticipate all inspectors will be dually-trained and classified at the same pay range early next year.
- Worked with the Claremont Canyon Conservancy and Assemblymember Jim Wood on legislation to create Regional Wildfire Prevention Districts. Currently we are doing outreach to other firesafe councils throughout the state to build grassroots support for Regional Wildfire Prevention Districts. (<https://oaklandfiresafecouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Talking-Points-in-Support-of-a-Regional-Approach-1-1.pdf>)
- Worked with Councilmembers Sheng Thao and Dan Kalb on a Council Resolution to make Wildfire Prevention a top priority citywide. <https://oaklandfiresafecouncil.org/>
- Continue to monitor the content of the long-awaited 10-year Vegetation Management Plan for Oakland. Our bottom line is that any 10-year plan must include 15-20 real projects for the City's open spaces so that the plan is more than a paper document.
- Ongoing email briefings of local reporters on wildfire prevention issues.
- Made presentations at a number of local homeowner and CORE meetings offering practical tips on wildfire prevention and personal preparedness.

We look forward to organizing Oakland for wildfire prevention in 2020! Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated. Learn more about how you can get involved at <https://oaklandfiresafecouncil.org/get-involved/>