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TO: CITY OF CUPERTINO
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SUBJECT: CONSIDER RECOMENDING A POSITION ON AB 2517
(CALDERON) FIRE SAFETY: FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES

DATE: APRIL 6, 2026

Bill Information:

The official text of AB 2517 can be found [here](#)¹.

Summary:

AB 2517 improves the state's process for designating Fire Hazard Severity Zones by increasing transparency, requiring regular updates, and enhancing local government involvement. The bill updates how the State Fire Marshal designates moderate, high, and very high fire hazard zones and requires that these maps be updated on a science-based, five-year cycle, replacing the current vague standard of periodic updates.

The measure also establishes a transparent public review process prior to finalizing maps, including opportunities for public input, and improves coordination with local governments. Importantly, it provides cities with a formal opportunity to submit land use and zoning input before maps are finalized.

For cities, the bill offers clear benefits. It enhances transparency and public trust in fire hazard mapping, ensures that wildfire risk information is current and accurate, and strengthens local planning and emergency preparedness. It also provides a meaningful role for local jurisdictions in shaping the final maps.

¹https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB2517

Support:

Support has been expressed by the League of California Cities (sponsor) and the cities of Carpinteria, Glendora, Laguna Niguel, Rancho Palos Verdes, Palos Verdes Estates, and San Clemente.

Opposition:

Since AB 2517 has not yet been set for hearing, an official list of opponents is not yet available.

Status:

AB 2517 has been referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Legislative Platform:

This bill falls under Cupertino's 2026 Legislative Platform in the Health and Public Safety section Page 5, Item #7, "Monitor legislation and funding regarding wildfire preparedness." A "monitor" position requires that a bill be considered by the full Council.

Recommended Action:

Recommend that the City Council adopt a support position on AB 2517 at the next City Council meeting.