

**Alex Cousins**

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**From:** acousins@claremontca.gov  
**Subject:** FW: from Kibler: May I email to you my comment to the Council meeting? Re: Claremont Fire Hazard Severity Zone Webpage  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** R K  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2025 11:29 AM  
**To:** Alex Cousins <[acousins@claremontca.gov](mailto:acousins@claremontca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: from Kibler: May I email to you my comment to the Council meeting? Re: Claremont Fire Hazard Severity Zone Webpage  
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**I am Ray Kibler III. My address is [REDACTED]. This address falls in the top Fire Hazard Severity Zone. I make two comments.**

**1. I request the City to provide property inspections upon request so that property owners will be advised of actions to take to "harden" their yards and houses. I ask this because the recommendations that are provided online and in print are general for all properties and are not specific to individual properties.**

**2. I request the City to ask the County Fire Department if properties located in the top Fire Hazard Severity Zone will receive first priority for fire extinguishing.**

## Alex Cousins

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**From:** Alex Cousins  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2025 11:43 AM  
**To:** Alex Cousins  
**Subject:** Fw: Fire Maps Public Comment

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**From:** Christopher Troy  
**Sent:** Friday, July 4, 2025 6:50 AM  
**To:** Alex Cousins <acousins@claremontca.gov>  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Fire Maps Public Comment

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Dear Mr. Cousins:

We have reviewed the updated Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map. Based on this map our property currently does not fall into any of the three listed zones (Vey high, High or Moderate).

We understand from the correspondence we received via the US Postal Service:

- The City of Claremont must adopt the maps by July 22, 2025 and may extend the zones but not decrease them.
- We also understand that we are invited to make comments prior to the City's Council adoption of the map in July.

Our comments to the City Council:

We expect the Council will adopt the Zone Map with no extended modifications to the Zones. Should the City be considering any modifications we respectfully request we be notified prior to the Council taking such actions. Thus, allowing us time to understand any proposed modifications and provide comments.

Sincerely,

Christopher & Marlene Troy

Claremont, CA 91711

Phone:

## Shelley Desautels

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 17, 2025 4:16 PM  
**To:** Shelley Desautels  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Council Fire map agenda item

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Please forward to the City Council, City Manager, Director of Community Development, and Alex Cousins

To the City Council:

Please use your discretion to adopt CalFire's previous "Very High" designation for the area near Monte Vista Boulevard and Foothill Boulevard.

While CalFire's new map changes the area's designation to "High Fire," Cal Fire's previous "Very High Fire" designation is most appropriate to the site:

Much of the area is undeveloped and is variously directly under or adjacent to the take-off flight path of Cable Airport, a time of added crash and fire danger.

The City and LA County have not adopted airport compatibility plans or zoning that reflect the well-studied findings of Upland's Cable Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan.

In the absence of an adopted compatibility plan, the remaining protection from housing development at the site is via the exclusion in those laws for "Very High Fire Zones".

Both the previous and recently revised (draft?) versions of the Public Safety and Noise Element of the City's General Plan address Cable Airport's flight path proximity, as does the Housing Element.

The City's recent draft (or adopted?— the previous version is still on the City website) Public Safety and Noise General Plan Element relies on the "Very High" Cal Fire map designation. It cites airport proximity in its findings regarding fire danger and public safety.

(See page 6-20, Figure 6-5 "Wildfire Risk Map for the City of Claremont," and "Air Crash Hazards" section, starting page 6-27)

The Public Safety and Noise Element is required to be consistent with the City's revised and adopted Housing Element.

Both the Housing Element and the Public Safety and Noise Element (draft, anyway?) state the need to adopt an airport land use compatibility plan and consistent land use designations, as well as to comply with the findings of the existing adopted Cable Airport compatibility plan.

If City adopts a new map changing the designation in the area to "High Fire" (as in the Cal Fire revision) instead of the previous "Very High Fire" designation— given that there is no adopted LA County or City of Claremont airport compatibility plan, or adopted zoning that reflects the findings of the Cable Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan—the City will lose its legal protection from housing developments now allowed by recent State housing laws that rightly exclude housing development from areas of very high fire danger— which this area has long been designated until now, a time of increasing climate change and fire danger.

A fire that starts in the area near Cable airport's flight path could easily spread to surrounding areas, particularly if housing is built that itself could serve as kindling for a major fire as has happened recently in other Cities.

For consistency with the City's Housing Element, its Public Noise and Safety Element, and with the requirements of the CalTrans California Airport Land Use Handbook (to which Claremont is obliged in the absence of an airport compatibility plan):

Please adopt the "Very High Fire" designation for the area near Foothill and Monte Vista Boulevard, as in the previous Cal Fire map.  
Thank you for your consideration of my concern.  
Jennifer Jaffe