

RESOLUTION NO.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGAME AUTHORIZING
THE MAYOR TO SEND A LETTER TO STATE LEGISLATORS IN SUPPORT OF AB 2517,
FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES**

WHEREAS, AB 2517 (Calderon) is a Cal Cities-sponsored bill that would improve the Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ) designation process conducted by the Office of the State Fire Marshal; and

WHEREAS, California Public Resource Code section 4202 requires the State Fire Marshal to classify lands within state responsibility areas into Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ); and

WHEREAS, under Government Code section 51178, the State Fire Marshal is required to identify areas in the state as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones based on consistent statewide criteria and based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas; and

WHEREAS, under current law, the FHSZ designations in local responsibility areas are required to be “periodically” reviewed, but prior to 2025, the last updates occurred between 2007 and 2009; and

WHEREAS, local agencies have expressed concerns that they did not have the ability to provide updated land use information prior to the maps being released by the state; and

WHEREAS, according to Cal Cities, the vague timeline associated with the release of updated maps often leaves local governments without the scientific data they need to fully understand which areas are at greatest risk for fires; and

WHEREAS, AB 2517 would clarify that this process happens every five years and would require the State Fire Marshal to provide a preliminary release of the maps with a public comment period and regional workshops, allowing local governments and the public the opportunity to better understand the designations; and

WHEREAS, the bill also would require the state to make the data and methodology for the fire hazard model publicly available, which increases transparency and understanding of the environmental conditions that may cause hazard.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGAME DOES
HEREBY RESOLVE THAT:**

The City Council authorizes the Mayor to send a letter, in the form attached, to State Legislators in support of AB 2517.

Michael Brownrigg, Mayor

I, Meaghan Hassel-Shearer, City Clerk of the City of Burlingame, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 16th day of March, 2026, and was adopted thereafter by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers:
NOES: Councilmembers:
ABSENT: Councilmembers:

Meghan Hassel-Shearer, City Clerk