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**Subject:** Supervisor Hernandez Publicly Wondered About Lack of FDAC Comment

**Message:** Dear Fire Dept. Advisory Commissioners,

I attended the June 25, 2024 County Board of Supervisors meeting that included a proposed Low Impact Camping Ordinance for Santa Cruz County. The hearing was well-attended by members of the public, mostly from Bonny Doon and Boulder Creek, mostly because Chairman Justin Cummings had called a town hall meeting with his constituents on the matter.

The Supervisors discussed the matter at the close of the two-hour public hearing. Fourth District Supervisor Felipe Hernandez publicly wondered why there was no comment submitted to the Supervisors by the County Fire Dept. Advisory Commission?

Although the Board voted to wait until the outcome of SB 620 in the legislature is known for staff to take any further action on this matter, I request that your Commission include an informational discussion of SB 620 and the Santa Cruz County Draft Low Impact Camping Ordinance (LICA) at your July 17, 2024 and prepare a letter of recommendations to the Board if necessary at the September 18, 2024 meetings.

Your Commission should be aware that the County Fire Chiefs Association and the County Planning Commission both recommended the Board NOT approve the Draft County LICA Ordinance as submitted.

Here is a link to the June 25, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting. The LICA Ordinance is Item #14:  
[santacruzcountyca.iqm2.com/Citizens/SplitView.aspx?Mode=Video&MeetingID=2044&MinutesID=2184&FileFormat=doc&Format=Minutes&MediaFileFormat=mpeg4](https://santacruzcountyca.iqm2.com/Citizens/SplitView.aspx?Mode=Video&MeetingID=2044&MinutesID=2184&FileFormat=doc&Format=Minutes&MediaFileFormat=mpeg4)

Please respond and acknowledge receipt of this message. thank you.

Sincerely,  
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**Subject:** Please Agendize and Discuss Reommendation to Supervisors re: Grand Jury Report on Honoring Commitments to the Public

**Message:** Dear FDAC,

The 2023-2024 Grand Jury Report investigating commitments made in response to the 2021-2022 CZU Fire--Learn or Burn? Report has been released. Please include this Report on the July 17, 2024 FDAC agenda for review and public discussion regarding recommendations your Commission might consider sending to the Board of Supervisors.

"Finding

F7. The joint effort between CAL Fire and OR3, as well as many other partners listed in the report, to improve preparedness for future wildfires is well-documented in the above-mentioned After-Action Report and Improvement Plan. Furthermore, the Grand Jury's recommendation that this undertaking commence within 6 months of the Grand Jury report publication did take place in the allotted time period. However, the Grand Jury did not find the original report or any published updates to the initial report that included progress towards the report's stated objectives. Such publications would reassure the public that wildfire preparedness is a priority and is being addressed.

Recommendation

R7. The Grand [https://www.santacruzcountyca.gov/Portals/0/County/GrandJury/GJ2024\\_final/2024-2\\_Continuity\\_Report.pdf](https://www.santacruzcountyca.gov/Portals/0/County/GrandJury/GJ2024_final/2024-2_Continuity_Report.pdf)Jury requests an update as to the progress to date of the objectives outlined in the December 2021 After-Action Report in Appendix A: CORE CAPABILITIES / IMPROVEMENT PLAN and further requests that the OR3 publish this update on its website. (F7)"

[https://www.santacruzcountyca.gov/Portals/0/County/GrandJury/GJ2024\\_final/2024-2\\_Continuity\\_Report.pdf](https://www.santacruzcountyca.gov/Portals/0/County/GrandJury/GJ2024_final/2024-2_Continuity_Report.pdf)

I feel the FDAC needs to strongly recommend to the Board of Supervisors that County Fire Dept. conduct it's own After-Action Review internally and that the FDAC oversee that analysis and make recommendations to the Board with findings resultant.

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**Subject:** Requesting FDAC to Agendize 2023-2024 Grand Jury Report re" CZU Fire--Four Years Later

**Message:** Dear FDAC,

I feel your Commission should review and publicly discuss the 2023-2024 County Grand Jury Report "Victims of the CZU Fire--Four Years Later" at your July 17 meeting. Please place this on your agenda and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding how to respond to and accomplish Recommendation #4:

R4. The Santa Cruz County Civil Grand Jury further recommends that the Board of Supervisors work with CAL FIRE to develop clear collaboration between local firefighting agencies and CAL FIRE. The community at large should then be advised as to this line of command. This should be done by December 31, 2024"

"Finding

F1. The inability of local fire departments to coordinate (communicate) with CAL FIRE during their initial response to the CZU Fire caused many fire victims to unnecessarily lose their homes and possibly contributed to the loss of a life

F4. The failure of County agencies to have an effective disaster response plan in place prior to the CZU Fire caused many fire victims to incur unnecessary expense in the rebuilding process"

Please discuss this Grand Jury Report and make recommendations to the Board that an After-Action analysis be conducted within County Fire Dept. with all volunteers who were active during the 2020 CZU Fire in order to create a better-informed Disaster Response Plan for the future.

[https://www.santacruzcountyca.gov/Portals/0/County/GrandJury/GJ2024\\_final/2024-6\\_CZU\\_Report.pdf](https://www.santacruzcountyca.gov/Portals/0/County/GrandJury/GJ2024_final/2024-6_CZU_Report.pdf)

Thank you.

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