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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mary Ellen Carroll, Executive Director, Department of Emergency Management  
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FROM: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk,  
Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

DATE: May 5, 2021

SUBJECT: HEARING MATTER INTRODUCED

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The San Francisco Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee has received the following hearing request, introduced by Supervisor Haney on April 27, 2021:

**File No. 210473**

**Hearing to discuss the City's plans and efforts to prepare for the 2021 wildfire season, including plans for indoor wildfire refuges, proactive measures to mitigate the impact of wildfire smoke, and what steps are being prepared for increasingly extreme fire seasons; and requesting the Department of Emergency Management, Department of Public Health, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, Department of the Environment, Department of Aging and Adult Services, and the San Francisco Unified School District to report.**

If you have any comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

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1. Given the continued limitation on indoor congregate shelter spaces and uncertainty over our housing efforts due to COVID, what plans are in place to safely house our unhoused population once the air quality deteriorates to toxic levels?
2. In the past, we've utilized public buildings such as our library as wildfire refuge. Given that it's possible there will still likely be some level of capacity restrictions and individuals may not be vaccinated by the peak of the wildfire season, what are we doing to identify and leverage City-owned sites that can be used as adequate wildfire refuge?
3. What plans do we have in place to quickly and effectively distribute PPE equipment, including N95 masks, to vulnerable populations?
4. COVID-19 has created a number of City systems for mass information dissemination and outreach to San Franciscans. Do we have plans to keep the appropriate systems in place in preparation for fire season? Which COVID response efforts can we continue to adapt to wildfire response?
5. In the past, we have had to close down schools due to air quality issues. Our schools are facing an additional challenge as students return to in-person learning this fall. What planning is SFUSD doing to plan for potential closures again due to air quality issues and what can the City provide to support our schools in the event of closures?

# Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp  
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I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment).
- 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee.
- 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
- 4. Request for letter beginning : "Supervisor  inquiries"
- 5. City Attorney Request.
- 6. Call File No.  from Committee.
- 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion).
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- 9. Reactivate File No.
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

- Small Business Commission
- Youth Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission
- Building Inspection Commission

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Sponsor(s):

Haney, Ronen, Preston

Subject:

Hearing - Wildfire Preparedness

The text is listed:

Hearing regarding the City's plans and efforts to prepare for the 2021 wildfire season including plans for indoor wildfire refuges, proactive measures to mitigate the impact of wildfire smoke, and what we're doing to prepare for increasingly extreme fire seasons; and requesting the Department of Emergency Management, Department of Public Health, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, Department of the Environment, Department of Disability and Aging Services, and the San Francisco Unified School District to report.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

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