

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-31**

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
LOS ALTOS HILLS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT PROVIDING  
RECOMMENDATION TO TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS TO  
ADOPT 2019 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE SECTION  
R337: MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION METHODS FOR  
EXTERIOR WILDFIRE EXPOSURE, AS ITS BUILDING CODE  
STANDARD TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY**

**WHEREAS**, the Los Altos Hills County Fire District (“District”) adopted a Community Wildfire Protection Plan at its June 18, 2019, meeting (“CWPP”); and

**WHEREAS**, the CWPP is a comprehensive document that outlines a number of measures to reduce the severity of wildfires within the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the measures set forth in the CWPP are of increasing importance in light of the increased duration of fire season and intensity of wildfires experienced in recent years across California; and

**WHEREAS**, one measure set forth in the CWPP is to improve the ability of buildings to resist the intrusion of flame or burning embers projected by surrounding fires; and

**WHEREAS**, recent fires have shown that embers, particularly those from a house already burning, have the ability to travel far distances and thus endanger many other properties; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 California Residential Code Section R337: Materials and Construction Methods for Exterior Wildfire Exposure (“Residential Code Section 337”), was adopted by and is used as the standard for building construction in portions of the District located in unincorporated Santa Clara County; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of Residential Code Section 337 is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, the District Board has reviewed Residential Code Section 337 and concludes that it is an appropriate standard for building construction throughout the District.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the District Board does **RESOLVE** as follows:

1. Public interest and convenience require the District to recommend that that Town of Los Altos Hills adopt the 2019 California Residential Code

Section R337: Materials and Construction Methods for Exterior Wildfire Exposure; and

2. The District hereby recommends to the Town of Los Altos Hills adoption of the 2019 California Residential Code Section R337: Materials and Construction Methods for Exterior Wildfire Exposure.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 17th day of September 2019.

By:

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Mark Warren, Board President

**ATTEST:**

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District Clerk