City of St. Helena
Special City Council Meeting
Monday, December 7, 2020 @ 6:00 PM

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20, and guidance from the California Department of Public Health on gatherings, remote public participation is allowed. We will address the Order in the following ways: Members of the public may not physically attend meetings. The City Council meeting will be live-streamed on Comcast Channel 28 and on the City's website, barring technical difficulties. Those members of the public wishing to participate must do so remotely via Zoom electronic meetings in the following ways; by either logging onto the Zoom link located on the meeting agenda (please download the app to your computer or mobile device) and enter the meeting ID or by calling a listed number and enter the meeting ID. Public comment for City Council meetings will be accepted via email to publiccomment@cityofsthelena.org. All public comments must be emailed by 4:00 PM prior to the meeting. Emailed public comments will not be read out loud but will be publicly available and attached to the on-line City Council agenda.

Please see the end of the agenda for detailed PUBLIC PARTICIPATION instructions. Spanish translation for this meeting will be offered. To access Spanish translation, you will need to join the meeting using the Zoom app from a computer, iPad or Iphone. You will see an icon on the screen that will allow you to choose Spanish translation. To learn how to use Zoom, please see the instructions below.

~~**The zoom meeting details will be provided prior to the meeting.**~~

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PLEASE NOTE: Any person who wishes to speak regarding an item on the agenda or make a

comment under the "public comment" portion of the agenda may do so, but please observe the time limit of four minutes.

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Ciudad de Santa Helena Reunión Especial del Ayuntamiento Jueves, 10 de November 2020 @ 6:00 PM

De acuerdo con las órdenes ejecutivas N-25-20, N-29-20, y la orientación del Departamento de Salud Pública de California sobre reuniones, se permite la participación pública virtual. Seguiremos la Orden de la siguiente manera: Los miembros del público no pueden asistir físicamente a las reuniones. La reunión del Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad se transmitirá en vivo por el Canal 28 de Comcast y en el sitio web de la Ciudad, salvo dificultades técnicas. Aquellos miembros del público que deseen participar deben hacerlo de forma virtual a través de las reuniones electrónicas de Zoom de las siguientes maneras; iniciando sesión en el enlace Zoom ubicado en la agenda de la reunión (descargue la aplicación en su computadora o dispositivo móvil) e ingrese la ID de la reunión o llamando al número ubicado en la agenda e ingrese la ID de la reunión. Se aceptarán comentarios públicos para la reunión del Ayuntamiento por correo electrónico a publiccomment@cityofsthelena.org. Todos los comentarios públicos se harán públicos y se adjuntarán a la agenda y no se leerán en voz alta. Todos los comentarios públicos que se reciban después de las 4:00 PM se adjuntarán a la agenda al díasiguiente.

Consulte el final de la agenda para obtener instrucciones detalladas de PARTICIPACIÓNPÚBLICA. Se ofrecerá traducción al español para esta reunión. Para acceder a la traducción al español, deberá unirse a la reunión utilizando la aplicación Zoom desde una computadora, iPad o Iphone. Verá un icono en la pantalla que le permitirá elegir la traducción al español. Para aprender a utilizar Zoom, consulte las instrucciones a continuación.

Habrá traducción en español durante la junta
Haga clic en el enlace a continuación para participar en la reunión:
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TENGA EN CUENTA: Cualquier persona que desee hablar sobre un tema en la agenda o hacer un comentario en la sección de "comentario público" de la agenda puede hacerlo, pero por favor observe el límite de tiempo de cuarto minutos.

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
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Mayor: Geoff Ellsworth, Vice Mayor: Paul Dohring, City Council Members: Anna Chouteau, David Knudsen and Mary Koberstein

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:
Under California law, public comments at special meetings are limited to subjects on the agenda only. Therefore public comment will take place during consideration of the item. Each person's comments shall be limited to 4 minutes.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

4.1. Post-Glass Fire Community Forum to Receive Feedback on Disaster Response, Including what Worked Well, Opportunities for Improvement and Solutions for Future Disaster Mitigation. 11 - 43
Prepared By: John Sorensen, Fire Chief

Public Comment.Elizabeth Green
Public Comment.Greg Reynolds
Public Comment.Mariam Hansen
Public Comment.Greg Reynolds
Public Comment.Grace Kistner
Public Comment.John and Mary West
Public Comment.Pat Dell
Public Comment.Mike Greensill

5 ADJOURNMENT

. The next Regular City Council meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

I do hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing agenda was posted on the City website on November 25, 2020

Cindy Tzafopoulos

Cindy Tzafopoulos, City Clerk

In Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please call the City Clerk's Office (707) 967-2792. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

THE CITY OF ST. HELENA ENCOURAGES ONLINE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN VIRTUAL CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

St. Helena, CA– The City of St. Helena is committed to public participation in City government in a manner that is consistent with guidance provided by the Napa County Public Health Official and Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20. These guidelines relate to social distancing, and are intended to protect everyone by limiting the spread of COVID-19 in our community. In adherence to these guidelines, the St. Helena City Council will host a Virtual Council Meeting on Zoom; a free teleconferencing tool that enables users to watch and/or call into the meeting from their computers or phones. This meeting will be open to public and allows for live public comment. The meeting will also be recorded, livestreamed, and posted on the City's website after the adjournment of the meeting if technical difficulties occur: https://sthelena.civicweb.net/Portal/

The ZOOM web link, meeting ID, and phone number will be listed at the top of the City

Council Meeting Agenda. You will be required to enter the meeting ID, but there will be no password or participant ID.

How to Watch or Listen to Council Meetings:

1. Watch on Comcast Channel 28
2. Watch the livestreaming video on the City's website
3. Watch and Listen on Zoom.us by clicking on the link in the Council Agenda
4. Listen only by calling the Zoom number listed on the Council Agenda

Watch Council Meeting by Joining the Zoom Meeting:

1. **By Computer, Tablet, or Smart Phone:**

1. Before joining the virtual City Council Meeting, it is highly encouraged that you download the Zoom App. To sign up for your own free account, visit zoom.us/signup and enter your email address. You will receive an email from Zoom (no-reply@zoom.us). In this email, click Activate Account.
2. If you are logged into your account, Enter the **Meeting ID** listed on the City Council Agenda. If you have not created an account go to: https://zoom.us/join and enter the **Meeting ID**
3. Select if you would like to connect audio and/or video and tap **Join Meeting**.
4. For specific instructions for your device, go to: https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting

1. **Listen Only by Telephone:**

1. **Dial** the number listed on the Council Agenda.
2. At the prompt, enter the **Meeting ID** provided on the top of the City Council Meeting Agenda and **Press #. A participate ID is not required.**
3. To disconnect from the meeting, hang up the phone.

Ways to Provide Public Comment:

While attending the virtual City Council Meeting, the public will have the opportunity to provide live public comment during Public Forum and after each agenda item. When it is the appropriate time for public comment the Mayor will verbally open public comment. At this time each individual is permitted 4 minutes to speak.

1. **Send a Public Comment in by 4:00 PM Prior to the Meeting to:** publiccomment@cityofsthelena.org

The easiest way to provide public comment is to email your public comment. Public comments may be emailed to publiccomment@cityofsthelena.org. Please include in the subject line "COMMENT TO COUNCIL and the AGENDA ITEM". Any public comment is required to be submitted no later than 2 hours before the scheduled meeting and will be included as an attachment to the agenda. All public comments will be made publicly available and attached to the agenda item and will not be read out loud. All public comments that are received after 4:00 PM will be attached to the agenda the following day.

2. **Provide Comment through Zoom meeting from a computer, tablet, or smart phone**

This option allows the public to virtually attend the meeting as a muted 'attendee' with no video or screen sharing capabilities. You will be able to see and hear those participating in the meeting, but they will not be able to hear you until the host unmutes you.

If you wish to provide public comment during a specific agenda item or during public forum, you can use the **"raise hand"** feature located in the control panel at the bottom of your screen. The

icon is a small blue hand. In Windows you can also use the Alt+Y keyboard shortcut to raise or lower your hand. In Mac you can also use the Option+Y keyboard shortcut to raise or lower your hand.

The host will be notified that you've raised your hand and you will be placed in a queue with all incoming requests.
When it is your turn to speak, you will be notified that the host has unmuted you. To be removed from the queue, just click the '**raise hand'** button again.

3. **Call in to the ZOOM meeting from a cell phone or landline phone only**
This option allows the member of the public with the opportunity to verbally participate in public comment.

If you wish to speak during public comment time dial ***9** on your telephone.

The host will be notified that you would like to speak and you will be placed in a queue with all incoming requests.

When it is your turn to speak, you will be notified that the host has unmuted you. You may press ***9** again if you wish to be removed from the queue.

You will be notified at the end of your statement that you have been muted.

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En cumplimiento de la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades, si necesita asistencia especial para participar en esta reunión, llame a la Oficina del Secretaría de la Ciudad (707) 967-2792. La notificación 72 horas antes de la reunión, como lo requiere la Sección 202 de la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades, permitirá a la Ciudad hacer arreglos razonables para garantizar la accesibilidad a esta reunión.

LA CIUDAD DE ST. HELENA ALIENTA LA PARTICIPACIÓN PÚBLICA EN LÍNEA EN REUNIONES VIRTUALES DEL CONSEJO DE LA CIUDAD

St. Helena, CA– La Ciudad de St. Helena está comprometida con la participación pública en el gobierno de la Ciudad de manera que sea consistente con la guía proporcionada por el Oficial de Salud Pública del Condado de Napa y la Orden Ejecutiva N-25-20 del Gobernador Newsom. Estas pautas se relacionan con el distanciamiento social y están destinadas a proteger a todos al limitar la propagación de COVID-19 en nuestra comunidad. En cumplimiento de estas pautas, el Ayuntamiento de St. Helena organizará una Reunión del Consejo Virtual sobre Zoom; Una herramienta de teleconferencia gratuita que permite a los usuarios mirar y / o llamar a la reunión desde sus computadoras o teléfonos. Esta reunión estará abierta al público y permite comentarios públicos en vivo. La reunión también se grabará, se transmitirá en vivo y se publicará en el sitio web de la Ciudad después de la clausura de la reunión si se presentan dificultades técnicas: https://sthelena.civicweb.net/Portal/

El enlace web de ZOOM, la identificación de la reunión y el número de teléfono se enumerarán en la parte superior de la Agenda de la reunión del Ayuntamiento. Se le pedirá que ingrese la ID de la reunión, pero no habrá contraseña ni ID de participante.
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Cómo escuchar la interpretación de un idioma

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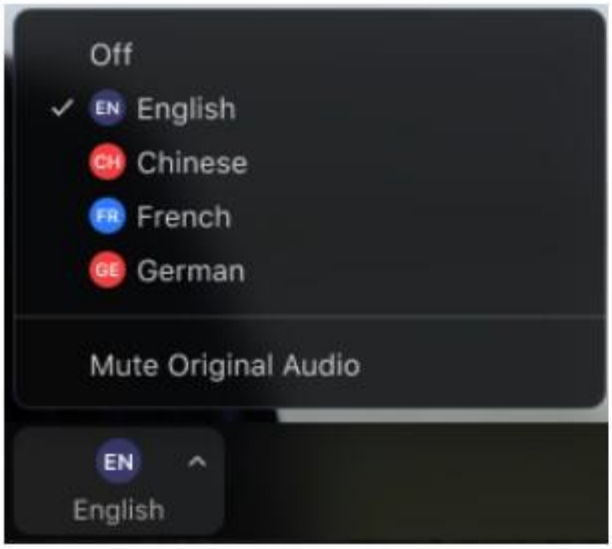
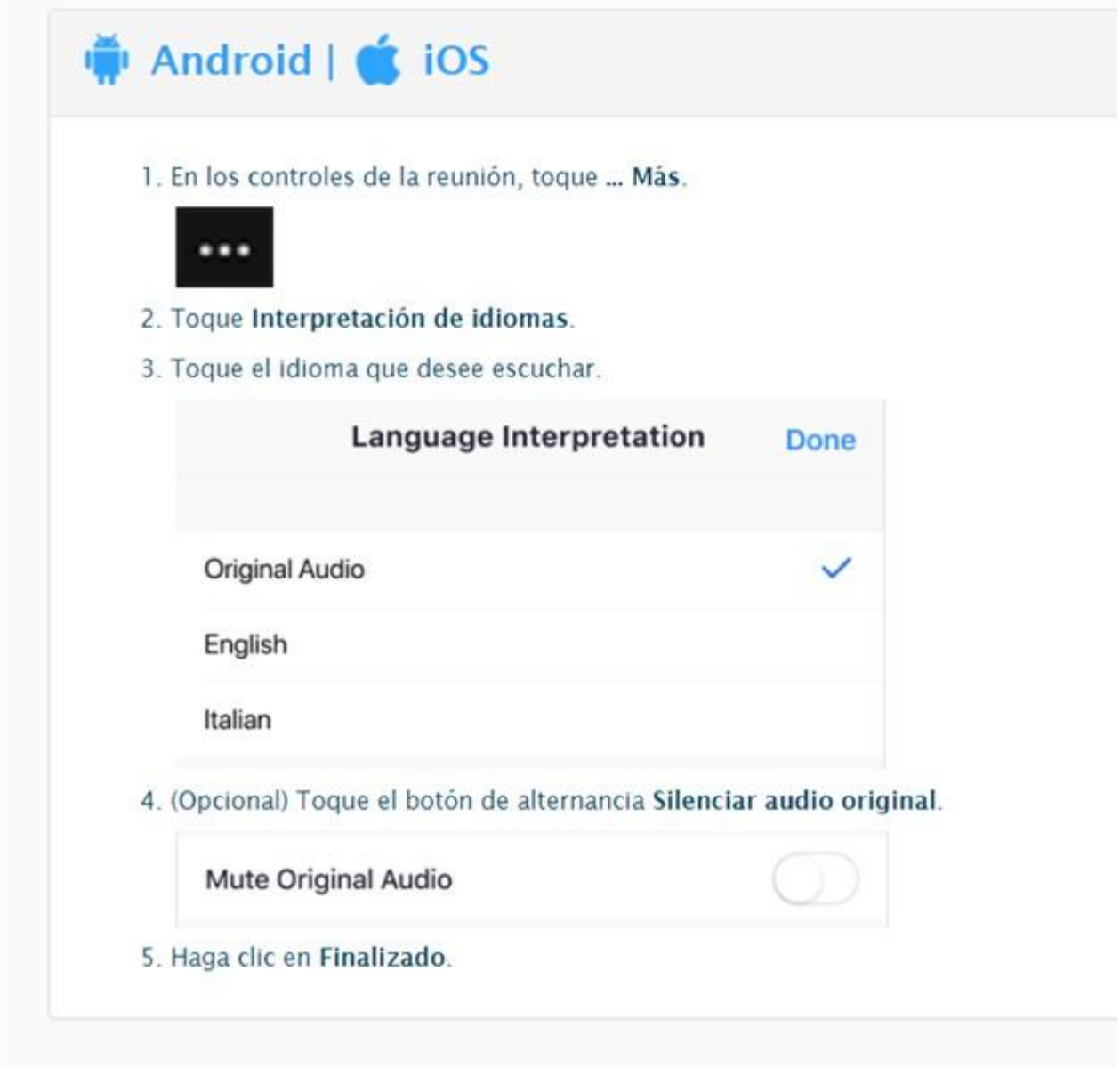
1. En los controles de la reunión o el seminario web, haga clic en **Interp**

2. Haga clic en el idioma que desee escuchar.



3. (Opcional) Para escuchar solo el idioma interpretado, haga clic en **Sile**



Cómo ver o escuchar las reuniones del Consejo:

1. Veala a través del canal 28 de Comcast
2. Vea el video de transmisión en vivo en el sitio web de la ciudad
3. Mire y escuche en Zoom.us haciendo clic en el enlace en la Agenda del Consejo
4. Escuche llamando al número de Zoom listado en la Agenda del Consejo

Vea la reunión del Consejo uniéndose a la reunión Zoom:

1. **Por computadora, tableta o teléfono:**

a. Antes de unirse a la reunión virtual del Ayuntamiento, le recomendamos que descargue la aplicación Zoom. Para registrarse en su propia cuenta gratuita, visite zoom.us/signup e ingrese su dirección de correo electrónico. Recibirá un correo electrónico de Zoom (no-reply@zoom.us) . En este correo electrónico, haga clic en Activar cuenta.
b. Si ha iniciado sesión en su cuenta, ingrese la ID de la reunión que figura en la Agenda del Ayuntamiento. Si no ha creado una cuenta, vaya a: https://zoom.us/join e ingrese la ID de la reunión
c. Seleccione si desea conectar audio y / o video y toque Unirse a la reunión. re. Para

obtener instrucciones específicas para su dispositivo, vaya a: https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting

2. **Escuche solo por teléfono:**

a. **Marque** el número que figura en la Agenda del Consejo.
b. Cuando se le solicite, ingrese la **ID de la reunión** provista en la parte superior de la Agenda de la reunión del Concejo Municipal **y presione #. No se requiere una identificación de participación.**
c. Para desconectarse de la reunión, cuelgue el teléfono

Formas de proporcionar comentarios públicos:
Mientras asiste a la reunión virtual del Ayuntamiento, el público tendrá la oportunidad de proporcionar comentarios públicos en vivo durante el Foro Público y después de cada tema de la agenda. Cuando sea el momento apropiado para comentarios públicos, el Alcalde abrirá verbalmente los comentarios públicos. En este momento, cada individuo tiene permitido 4 minutos parahablar.

1. Envíe un comentario público por adelantado a publiccomment@cityofsthelena.org
La forma más fácil de proporcionar comentarios públicos es enviar su comentario público por correo electrónico. Los comentarios públicos pueden enviarse por correo electrónico a publiccomment@cityofsthelena.org.Incluya en la línea de asunto "COMENTARIO AL CONSEJO y el PUNTO DEL PROGRAMA". Cualquier comentario público debe presentarse a más tardar 2 horas antes de la reunión programada y se incluirá como un archivo adjunto a la agenda. Todos los comentarios públicos se harán públicos y se adjuntarán al articulo de la agenda y no se leerán en voz alta. Todos los comentarios públicos que se reciban después de las 4:00 PM se adjuntarán a la agenda al día siguiente.

- 2. Proporcione comentarios a través de la reunión Zoom desde una computadora, tableta o teléfono inteligente

Esta opción permite que el público asista virtualmente a la reunión como un "asistente" silenciado sin capacidades de video o pantalla compartida. Podrá ver y escuchar a los participantes en la reunión, pero no podrán escucharlo hasta que el anfitrión de permisio.

Si desea proporcionar comentarios públicos durante un elemento específico de la agenda o durante un foro público, puede usar la función "levantar la mano" ubicada en el panel de control en la parte inferior de la pantalla. El icono es una pequeña mano azul. En Windows también puede usar el atajo de teclado Alt + Y para subir o bajar la mano. En Mac también puedes usar el atajo de teclado Alt + Y para subir o bajar lamano**.**

Se le notificará al anfitrión que ha levantado la mano y se lo colocará en fila con todas las solicitudes entrantes

Cuando sea su turno de hablar, se le notificará que el anfitrión le ha dado permiso de hablar. Para ser retirado de la fila, simplemente haga clic de nuevo el botón “levantar la mano”.

3. **Llame a la reunión de ZOOM desde un teléfono fijo o móvil solamente**

Esta opción le permite al miembro del público la oportunidad de participar verbalmente en comentarios públicos.

Si desea hablar durante el tiempo de comentarios públicos, marque * 9 en su teléfono.

Se le notificará al anfitrión que le gustaría hablar y se colocará en fila con todas las solicitudes entrantes.

Cuando sea su turno de hablar, se le notificará que el anfitrión le ha dado permiso de hablar. Puede presionar * 9 nuevamente si desea ser eliminado de la fila.

Cindy Tzafopoulos

From: Elizabeth Green <green05@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 3:38 PM
To: Public Comment
Cc: Geoff Ellsworth
Subject: [External] Glass Fire After Action Special City Council Meeting

To Whom It May Concern Re: Vineyard Valley Residents

In lieu of what happened Sunday night (9/27) and into the early morning of 9/28, there are many questions as to why residents were not officially warned and subsequently officially evacuated.

I am feeling along with a lot of other people that live in Vineyard Valley that there should have been a mandatory evacuation on Sunday night as the mountain literally across from VV was entirely in flames around 2 in the morning. The fire burned right down to the Silverado Trail opposite the Pope Street Bridge, (**see picture below**) and I've heard horror stories with people knocking on doors to get neighbors out. The sky above Calistoga at **6pm** was so bad **you could see flames** under the huge clouds of smoke above Calistoga. (***see pictures below***). We feel a warning *at the very least* should have been issued ***then*.** My husband and I left at 7pm unlike many residents who had to leave on the spur of the moment between 2-3am and evacuate in total darkness as the power was out. A neighbor in her 70's fell and fractured her hip. Another neighbor was awakened by a neighbor and he and his wife who is wheelchair bound, had to leave in total darkness.

We have always been told Vineyard Valley would be first priority along with Silverado Orchards on Pope St. in the event of an emergency like this. It seems like somebody dropped the ball. **We had NO WARNING by either police or firemen.**

We were told after the 2017 fires that there would be a new siren in the future that would sound with a high/low warning. That
never happened. We were all left to fend for ourselves and this can never happen again. We are very lucky that our houses are still standing as the fire was literally across the Trail from us. We would like some answers and a plan going forward so that this **never** happens again. I have been in constant contact with Mayor Geoff and Greg Reynolds (one of the owners of Vineyard Valley) and they are aware as to how the residents feel and that we would like answers as to why we were forgotten and a plan going forward so that this never happens again. People's lives depend on it.

Thank you.
Elizabeth Green
Vineyard Valley Resident

This picture was taken by a resident from her front door at 2:15am. It's directly across the Trail.

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These pictures were taken from Laguna Seca Ct. at 6pm and are looking directly above Calistoga.

Cindy Tzafopoulos

From: Greg Reynolds <greynoldsmail@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [External] Glass Fire After Action

Vineyard Valley Leadership question

As Vineyard Valley (350 residents) was not placed in either Evacuation Warning or actual Evacuation we ask this question...

What is the general criteria used for evacuation decisions? please define

Why was the east end of Pope street not evacuated in this process?

Vineyard Valley
Silverado Orchard
Stonebridge

Lots of folks put in harms way without an official warning or actual evacuation as the Glass fire roared 200 yards away up to the edge of Silverado Trail.

What can we as citizens proactively do to be sure this never happens again?

Thank you
Greg Reynolds

Cindy Tzafopoulos

From: Mariam Hansen <wartuhi@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 12:23 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [External] Glass Fire After Comments

The Glass Fire was a terrible tragedy, but dealt with to the best of the ability of all our first responders and some of our citizens. Everyone worked incredibly hard to save lives and property. But, if the city wants to know what could have been done better, then read on.

Vineyard Valley residents (especially residences bordering the Napa River) were all terrified to wake up in the middle of the night of September 27-28, 2020 and find the mountain across from them on fire! They scrambled to evacuate the park without assistance. Many thought we would never see our homes again. It was a miracle that our park did not burn down. If the wind had been blowing harder in our direction the catastrophe would have been much worse. Homes in vineyard Valley are very close together. If one of the baseball sized and larger embers that rained down on them had caused a home to burn, the fire would have been unstoppable. As it was the flames crossed the wide Silverado Trail and the Napa River in some places. There were 200 foot high flames bearing down on us,

With embers bouncing off our roofs and the streets, many left the park in the early hours of Monday morning, September 28. Our little community jumped into action and neighbors woke each other up on every street. A long line of cars exited the park at 3:30 in the morning while others continued to get ready to leave in hopes they hadn't waited too long. The mountain was on fire and we were left to fend for ourselves.

According to one resident "I was one of the people knocking on doors at 3 AM in Vineyard Valley Mobile Home Park. The only reason we knew the fire was near was we woke up and saw it was bright outside and then we heard the roar and felt the heat. The entire mountain range was on fire. We both started going house to house knocking on doors. We didn't know if we would get jammed up in traffic trying to get out of the only exit in the entire park. Plus all the traffic across Pope Street from the [Stonebridge] apartments were trying to leave. You could hear debris bouncing off our house roof and car."

Another resident's emotional response was "NO EVACUATION NOTICE! I happened to look out our bedroom window when it started cresting the hill toward us. As we ran to our car, it engulfed the hill. We ALL dodged a bullet this time. I'm glad we are all safe."

We were awoken at 4:30am by a frantic call from our daughter. She had been told to evacuate her apartment in Woodbridge Village, so she came to our house. There was no light so we searched in the dark for our go bags and began to collect our important papers and heirlooms. I began to call the neighbors to make sure they were preparing to leave, with help from two others. Standing outside I heard the propane tanks exploding from the homes on the hill above us. The air was thick with ash and smoke. As we drove our cars out we saw the trees on the hill at Silverado Trail and Pope Street exploding into flame, which raced down the hillside toward the Trail.

There was no evacuation warning issued until two days later. Vineyard Valley residents had been told to submit a form to the police department if they needed extra help evacuating in an emergency of any kind. No first responders entered Vineyard Valley to assist evacuating the vulnerable. The east side of the Silverado Trail from Deer Park Road to Taplin Road was evacuated and burned. What about OUR Nixle alerts? How could a community “fall through the cracks” and not get evacuation assistance?
We know resources were stretched thin, but improvement is needed.
Here is the timeline of events:

9-27 11:09am Vineyard Valley manager
Dear Residents,
We are monitoring the Glass Fire that ignited early this morning and have been in contact with the mayor, the situation in the city of St. Helena is presently stable. Vineyard Valley residents should follow the preparedness guidelines in effect during red flag warnings: have an emergency kit and go bag ready and create your wildfire action plan. Please check in with your neighbors who may not have access to technology.

9-27 11:21am Napa County OES
An evacuation **warning** has been issued for Deer Park Road south along the eastside of Silverado Trail to Howell Mountain Road. Conn Valley Road, including Meadowood Resort is also under an evacuation warning. An evacuation warning means properties should prepare to evacuate if ordered.

9-27 4:11pm Napa County OES
An additional evacuation **order** is in effect for the eastside of Silverado Trail from Deer Park Road to Meadowood Road, including the entirety of all roads in between. This includes the Meadowood Resort. Property owners should evacuate immediately.
9-27 4:34pm Napa County OES
An evacuation **warning** has been issued for the eastside Silverado Trail from Howell Mountain south to Taplin Road including all of Taplin Road and the entirety of roads in between. An evacuation warning means one should be prepared to evacuate should an order be issued. Those they may have difficulty evacuating quickly should consider leaving now.

9-27 11:04pm Napa County OES
New evacuation **warning** for east of Silverado Trail between Taplin Road and Sage Canyon Road east to Chiles Pope Valley Road. Evacuation warning within the city of St. Helena from Elmhurst Avenue to Madrona Ave west of Highway 29 to the St. Helena city limits.

9-28 12:15am Napa County OES
Multiple Fires currently burning in northern Napa County with evacuations orders in place. Severe winds forecasted for early Monday morning could create extreme danger. When ordered to evacuate please leave immediately. Residents are asked to remain vigilant and follow the instructions of emergency personnel.
9-28 7:37am Napa County OES

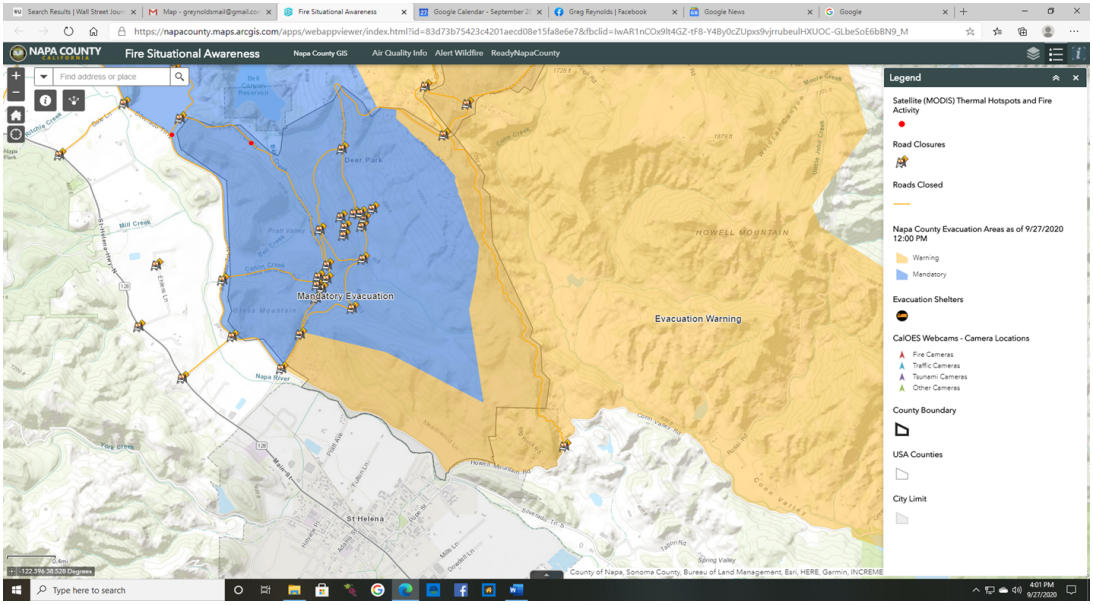
Most Vineyard Valley residents who were able had fled.

An evacuation **warning** has been upgraded to an evacuation order for the east side of Silverado Trail between Taplin Road and Sage Canyon Road and Sage Canyon Road east to Chiles Pope Valley Road. Be prepared to evacuate if an order is issued.

9-29 10:47am Vineyard Valley Manager
Dear Residents,
As of this morning, **Vineyard Valley is not under an evacuation order**, although there is still no power in the park with no current date for restoration. The City is monitoring the Park for both the fire and the presence of persons not belonging in the Park. The mayor has been in constant contact and has been an advocate for the fire and safety patrols. [too late—almost everyone was gone!]

9-30 9:34am Napa County OES
A new evacuation **warning** has been issued between Silverado Trail and Highway 29 from Zinfandel Lane to Larkmead Lane, including areas within the city of St. Helena. [**too vague**!] All other evacuation warnings and orders remain in effect. Be prepared to evacuate if an order is issued.

Mariam Hansen
5 San Lucas Court



GLASS FIRE EVACUATION MAPS

9/27/20 map above 12 PM

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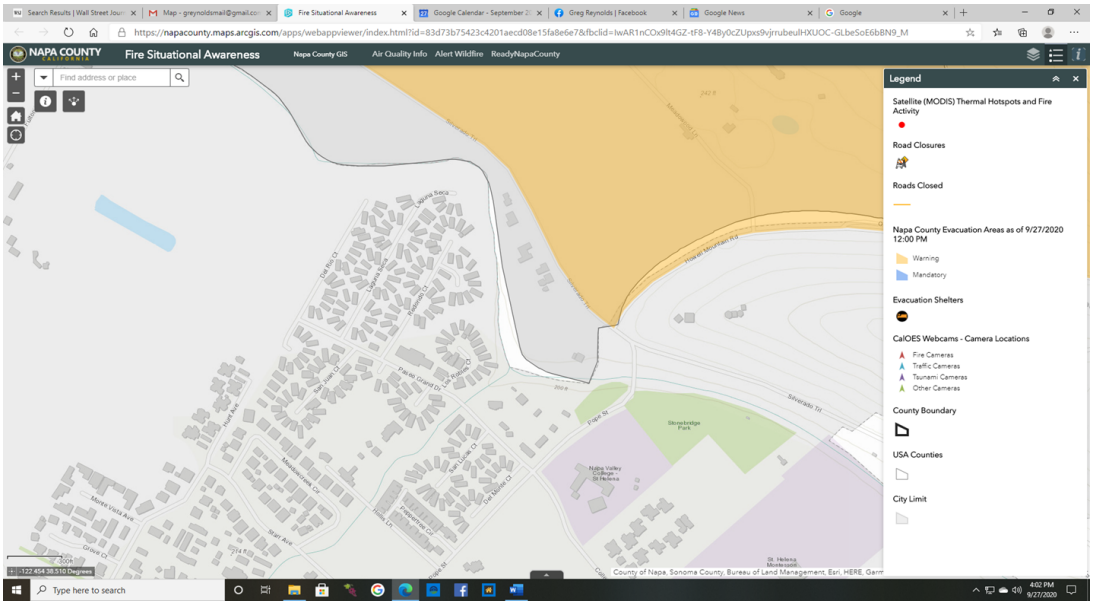
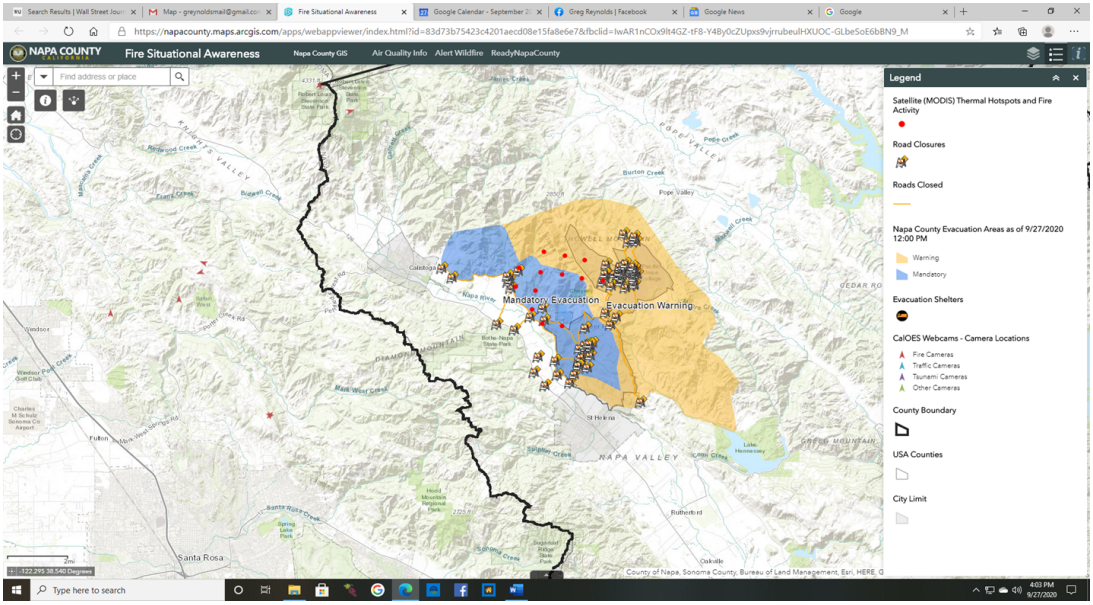
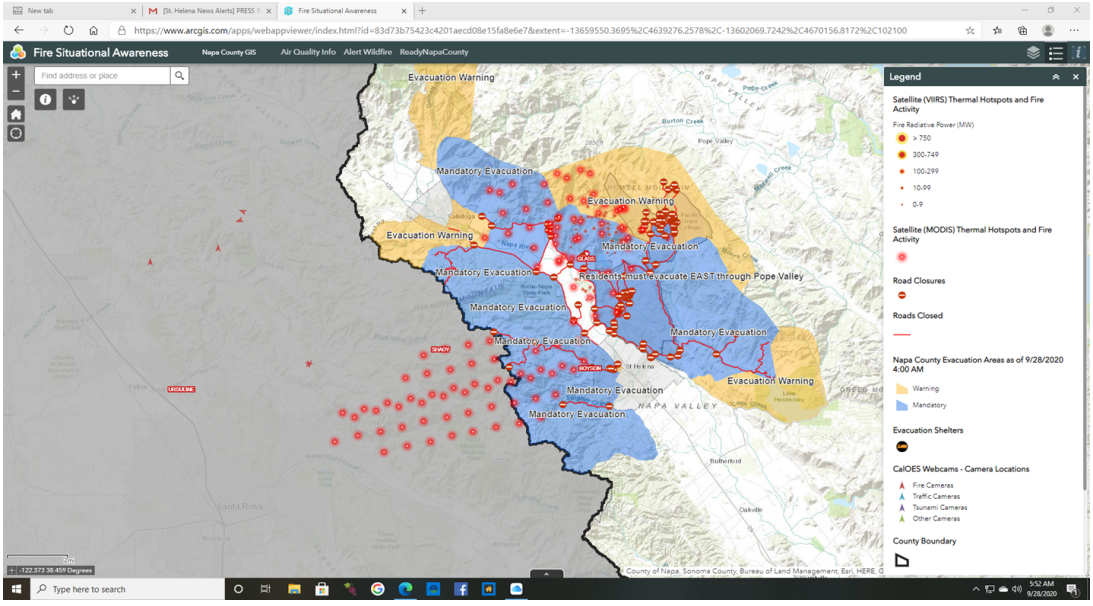




Map 9/28/20 4am below …..Notice that Vineyard Valley and the East end of Pope Street appears to be safe on the map while everyone around us has been either evacuated or is in a warning stage. We are the white colored peninsula in this map representation from **9/28 at 4am.**

***Click on the map you can expand it in the lower right corner**



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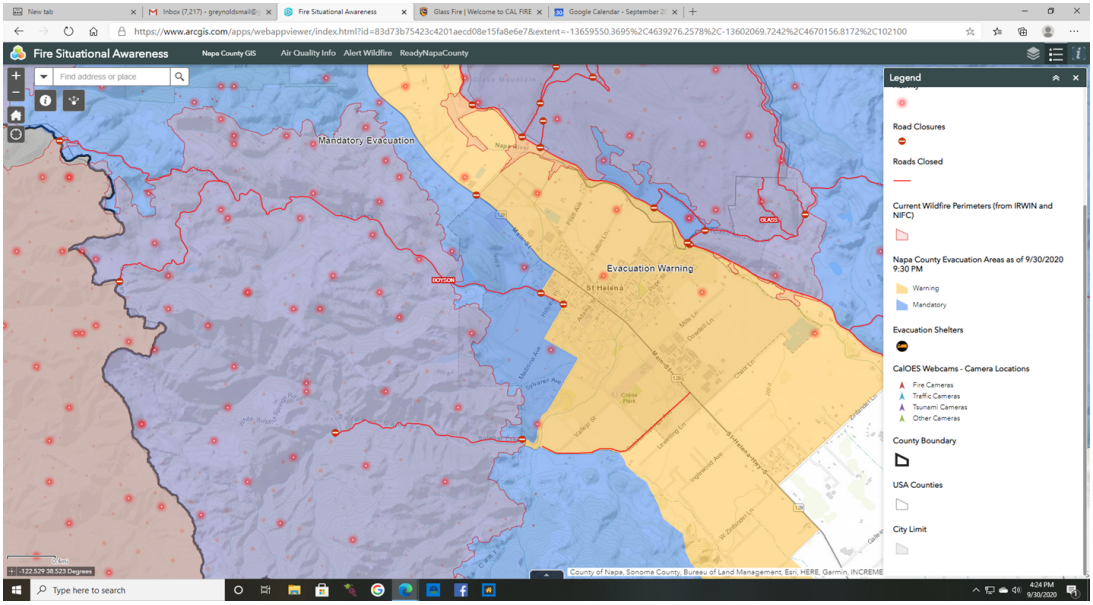

9/30/20 9:30pm finally placed into a Warning State

The danger of the Fire across the street off Pope happened

Days earlier with no warning or evacuations.

Wednesday September 30th, 2020 :: 09:32 a.m. PDT

- English
- Español

New evacuation warnings.

A new evacuation warning has been issued west of Highway 29 from Whitehall Lane to Madrona, including areas within the city of St. Helena and all residences on Whitehall Lane.

A new evacuation warning has been issued between Silverado Trail and Highway 29 from Zinfandel Lane to Larkmead Lane, including areas within the city of St. Helena.

All other evacuation warnings and orders remain in effect.

Be prepared to evacuate if an order is issued. A warning means there is a potential threat to life and/or property, those who require additional time to evacuate and those with pets and livestock should leave.

Evacuation center open at Crosswalk Community Church, 2590 First Street in Napa.

Individuals who are seeking shelter are reminded to bring a face covering, practice good hygiene habits, and adhere to physical distancing. The center will be open only to individuals who are impacted by the fire evacuations and an address verification will be in place.

Evacuation map: https://arcg.is/05WKKK

Instructions:

Residents are asked to stay alert and adhere to evacuation orders, advisories and road closures.

Address/Location

Napa County OES

1195 3rd St

Napa, CA 94559

Contact

Emergency: 9-1-1

Non-emergencies: 707-299-1892

City Council,

I would like to make the following comments regarding the City, and /or County's mismanagement of the emergency regarding the Glass fire,

1. Greg Reynold questions regarding the lack of an evacuation warning or an actual evacuation need to be fully answered.

   In the same vein why is Vineyard Valley's Management not responsible for the safety of their residents? (Please see their emergency Management Plan that was approved by Kevin Twohey, Emergency Services Coordinator County pf Napa. We are not asking them to physically evacuate the residents but to keep us informed of what is taking place. I personally called the Weekend Manager on the Sunday evening of the 27th and was unable to reach him. I did not receive a call back from him even though I left a message. In addition the plan states "Check on your neighbors, especially elderly or disabled persons." The residents can check on residents but Management is not responsible. WHY?

2. Who was aware of the City busses standing by to evacuate the park and why were the residents informed?
3. Pat Dell's letter contains a statement about the Mayor that is very important. The Mayor is not City Staff and has no business instructing the Vineyard Valley Mobil Home Park Management or anyone else including Vineyard Valley residents on Evacuation Procedures. The Mayor must be made aware that that is a Staff responsibility and not his/hers. Please note Mariam Hansen's comments in her December2nd letter under what occurred on 9-27 at 11:09am and on 9-29 at 10:47am.
4. Why was the West side of town given Evacuation Warnings and Notice to evacuate and the East end of the Valley on both sides of Pope St. were totally ignored.
5. Paragraph 2 of Miriam Hansen's Dec.2nd letter perfectly describes the attempts of the residents trying to evacuate the Park. She notes there was a long line of cars trying to evacuate at 3:30 in the morning. If the fire had spread while these residents tried to evacuate by the only exit from Vineyard Valley there would probably had been several deaths. There should be immediate consideration and prompt action on providing a second exit from the park that would only be used in an emergency. This is ESSENTIAL.

Thanks for listening

Grace Kistner
25 San Juan Court,
Saint Helena

Cindy Tzafopoulos

From: Mary <artsy101@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 7:15 PM
To: Public Comment
Cc: Cindy Tzafopoulos
Subject: [External] Questions for Dec. 7th meeting

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Please see below for letter I sent to Mayor Geoff Ellsworth after the Glass fire.
I have highlighted questions I would like to have included in the December 7th Fire Action Meeting. I am a resident of Vineyard Valley 55+ community.

I wanted to share a few thoughts concerning the night we all "ran for our lives" during the Glass fire when Meadowood and the homes burnt down across from Vineyard Valley.

I was one of the people knocking on doors at 3am in Vineyard Valley mobile home park. The only reason we knew the fire was nearing is my husband and I woke up and saw it was bright outside and then we heard the roar and felt the heat. The entire mountain range was on fire.

We both started going house to house knocking on doors. The couple that lives behind us the husband had to lift his wife into her wheelchair to get her out. It took awhile for him to come to the door and then I started working my way down the lane but became scared we might run out of time ourselves.

We didn't know if we would get jammed up in traffic trying to get out of the only exit in the entire park. Plus all the traffic across Pope street from the apartments that were trying to leave.

I started to realize that I had to be aware of my heart rate and if my husband was ok. I didn't want us dealing with an injury or heart attack trying to leave during a blackout and fire danger in a panicked situation (you know about the lady on the corner who fractured her hip that night).

45 minutes later we were pulling out of the drive. You could hear Debris bouncing off our house roof and car. We looked at each other and were convinced that this would be the last time we would see our home. Everyone I have talked to since, all had the same thoughts.

This could have been like the 2017 Tubbs fire in Santa Rosa that decimated the two mobile home parks. I never want to face the prospect again that I if I knocked on more doors I could have saved more neighbors.

I still feel guilty that I didn't check across the drive on a lady who doesn't have a car just to be sure she was already out. She's fine, so someone helped her. Another neighbor on the corner said a lady woke her that told her she just moved in and was panicked.

In St Helena, we represent one of the larger groups of population in a small area, closest to the Eastside

Glass fire and with a solid senior population.

I really feel the only thing that saved us was the Vineyards in front of Meadowood.

Tall Dead trees and bushes fill the Napa river and Sulphur Springs stream circling half of Vineyard Valley. All along Silverado Trail and the river the fire had breached up and down all the burn areas.

Does this fire danger need to be addressed by the city?

I found this next to my fence. Our address is off the main street of the complex.

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As with everyone else I spoke with after the fire -
I saw no Vineyard Valley staff, police, fire or security that night on Pope Street or within the complex.
No one came to our door nor to our immediate neighbors.

When we moved in I was told by all the neighbors that there was a meeting in 2017 after the Tubbs fire that the police held, assuring Vineyard Valley that we would take priority if any flood/fire happened.

So we all assumed we would be alerted if we were in any immediate danger.

I was also told by our management company a list of residents that have evacuation physical challenges was given to emergency services? **Do you know about this?**

Could the Fire, Police and city please clearly state if there is any civic duty and/or responsibility going forward toward the seniors at Vineyard Valley?

Can we have a yearly meeting prior to fire season? So expectations are clear to all.

Thank you all for listening. I know you have heard a lot of fire stories by now, but the majority of your neighbors really feel this could have been a situation no one would have wanted to live with, if this had went belly up.

John and Mary West
3 Laguna Seca Court
St.Helena, Ca. 94574

Cindy Tzafopoulos

From: Pat Dell <priscillajdell@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 5, 2020 1:54 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [External] Evacuation warnings and orders to evacuate during the Glass Fire
Attachments: Glass Fire letter to City of St Helena..docx

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I sent a letter addressed to Mark Prestwich, City Manager, Chief Hartley, Chief of Police and City Clerk Cindy Tzafopoulos on October 11th, 2020 regarding the communications to Vineyard Valley residents during the Glass Fire. I have never received a response to that letter and so would like it included as a Public Comment for the meeting on December 7th in which the Glass Fire will be discussed. I will attach that letter to this email. The letter to which I referred in the P.S. section of this attached letter can no longer be found so it will not be included.
I have read the Public Comments as posted on the agenda for the meeting. I especially like the questions asked by Managing Partner of Vineyard Valley, Greg Reynolds. They are all pertinent and well stated. I hope that all of those questions will be answered. I also thought the recounting of the night of September 27th and early morning of September 28th by Mariam Hansen was descriptive and accurate.
Please post this email as well as my attached letter from October 11th, 2020. Thank you.

October 11, 2020

To:

Mark Prestwich, City of St Helena Manager

Chief Hartley, Chief of Police, City of St. Helena

Cindy Tzafopoulos, City Clerk, City of St. Helena

From: Pat Dell – 25 San Juan Court, St. Helena. Resident of Vineyard Valley Mobile Home Park

I would like to offer some input into your final discussion of the logistics of managing emergency procedures during the Glass Fire. First of my deepest gratitude for your excellent efforts to control the fire and keep people and structures from harm. Vineyard Valley a Mobile Home Park for people over 55 years seemed to be managed in a perplexing way. Let me explain to those who may not know that a fair number of people living here are dependent on others to help them since they are homebound. Many of these have physical limitations as well. So, it would seem to me that we should have been given an Evacuation Warning sometime on September 27th as news of the fire moving from the Deer Park area to areas south of Deer Park Road. This did not happen. I have learned that the City had buses standing by to transport people but no one living here knew that. At 3:00 AM on Monday September 28th, 2020 the Meadowood fire was at it's peak. People here were awakened by the sound of popping as trees exploded with fire. The fire came within about 2000 feet of the eastern border of Vineyard Valley. There were no actively involved Vineyard Valley Managers monitoring the situation and coordinating efforts with the City or Cal Fire. One resident went door to door trying to awaken people and tell them of the danger. This could have been tragic, indeed. Fortunately, it wasn't but plans need to be made to ensure that doesn't happen in the next fire. I have been told by several residents that Mayor Geoff Ellsworth made a promise to Vineyard Valley Managing Partner Greg Reynolds and Manager Shelley DiFede that he would take care of us here at Vineyard Valley. This may have caused the management staff to be less observant that they would have otherwise. Someone really needs to explain to him that this type of behavior is dangerous. He is not Staff but an elected Mayor with Titular status.

Grace Kistner and I left Vineyard Valley about 10:30 PM on Sunday September 27th. I had made hotel reservations earlier in the day because my intuition told me this was going to be a bad one. My years of monitoring for flooding gave me that caution. We returned the following Wednesday. As we pulled into Vineyard Valley, we received the Nixle announcement that Vineyard Valley was on Evacuation Watch. As my Mother would have said," Day Late and Dollar Short." So, we grabbed a few more clothes and more cat food and went back to the hotel until the following Sunday.

Once again, I can't find words to express my gratitude for the superhuman efforts made by those on the front lines putting out fires, the City Staff of St. Helena and all the support people who managed this tragic event. Please ensure us that when the next event happens and we all know that it will, there will be better communication with the residents of Vineyard Valley Mobile Home Park.

Sincerely, Pat Dell

P.S. I received an email from my next door neighbor today who is 99 years of age. With her permission I am forwarding it to you. You can feel the fear jumping off the page. That prompted me to write this letter.

Cindy Tzafopoulos

From: Mike Greensill <mikegreensill@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 10:20 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [External] Evacuation orders?

I am still astounded that Vineyard Valley was not evacuated. I was woken by an enterprising young man knocking on all our doors at 3:30 a.m. on the Monday morning. The whole hillside opposite us was ablaze and the fire had reached the edge of the Silverado Trail. All of this a mere 1000 yards from where I live. I stood in my car port and a gust of wind blew, it was like opening an oven door. I thought, an ember just needs to be carried on that and we're all goners. I immediately packed the car and left for friends in Napa, not expecting to see my house and it's lifetime of contents ever again. As I don't have to tell many folks here, that's the worst feeling in the world...so, I ask again, why were we not evacuated? What can be done in the future to better handle this sort of crisis.

Yours

Mike Greensill

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