

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Dear Mayor, City Council, and Staff,

Woman whose family perished in Greek fire files lawsuit

This summer a fire swept through the seaside resort town of *Mati*, near *Athens*, and 96 citizens died. In the aftermath of the fire, a lawyer filed a *criminal lawsuit* against seven officials, to prove that all seven officials being sued shared responsibility and blame. Loss of human lives might have been prevented except for a series of omissions and oversights by the named officials. For example the officials failed to clear public areas of flammable material. **The seven officials sued for *fire homicide blame*, included a LOCAL MAYOR, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND THE POLICE.**

This criminal lawsuit sets a precedent internationally, would you agree?

(Source: "Woman whose family perished in Greek fire files lawsuit," by Elena Becatoros and Fanis Karabatsakis, www.APnews.com)

The wildfires are real. There is only *one best* way to keep the officials' options and choices open, and that is to get closure for kickstarting the Fire Department's **Wildfire Mitigation Ordinance**.

1. The Fire Department has emphasized to the Mayor and City Council that passing this ordinance is both urgent and important because of real and present danger.
2. The *Wildfire Mitigation Commission* already approved this ordinance as is.
3. Prohibited plants are a non-issue because the *Tree Commission* already approved it as is.
4. The *City Planning Commission* passed it forward as is, without objection..
5. *Fire and Rescue* already did due diligence with four-years of public scrutiny. They went high when you went low in calling for one more *Fire and Rescue* public meeting for the pleasure of the councilors, who promised to *attend*.
6. There has been none major public outcry against this good ordinance. That means there is overwhelming *silent majority consent* of the 22,000 population, and passing the ordinance is a no-brainer.
7. The people in California and Oregon towns that burned down this summer probably wish their cities had a *Wildfire Mitigation Ordinance* like the one that needs your vote of confidence.
8. It makes total sense to shift *toward* celebrating and honoring the *Fire and Rescue's* hard work and accomplishment, it is very researched, has good precision, and is well-vetted by the very men and women who put their lives at risk in fighting fires to save human lives.
9. Failure by city officials and/or city departments to have wildfire mitigation preparation, appropriate laws, and fire restrictions is a legal liability. *A word to the wise suffices*.
10. Elected public servants should always put public safety first.

Nancy Nelson,
Retired Executive Coach

Biography

Nancy C. Nelson BA, CMH, TNLP, holds certificate of life membership with the California Scholarship Federation, has a Bachelor of Arts degree with the Ambassador Alumni Association, and is certified as Master Hypnotherapist, Trainer of Neuro-Linguistic Programming, and Master Practitioner of Time Line Therapy. She holds certification as Humana with Advanced Neuro-Dynamics and the Ka Ha O'Hawaii Foundation. The lineage of Kahunas who passed down their traditions to her include Papa Bray, Daddy Bray, John Kaimikaua, Uncle George Naope or Lanakilakeikiahiali'I, and Dr. Tad James or Kiaiana'auaomaikalani, one of the world's foremost Huna teachers. Huna is the shamanistic art and science of ancient HAWAII. She holds certificate with the Silva Method of mental mastery, and is certified with the Usui system of Reiki. Nancy was listed for three consecutive years in *Who's Who in Executives and Businesses*. Her Executive Success Program served valuable clients in Pasadena, California, from 1992 to 2003. The October 22, 1999, "Alternative Medicine Offers Options" article, published by the Los Angeles Times, featured her work. After retiring her practice in June 2003, Nancy had major radical surgery to save her life in December 2004.

As a graduate of the Pasadena Neighborhood Leadership Institute's class of 2005, which included Pasadena Emergency Response training, Nancy first organized three Emergency Response meetings for her neighborhood. She next brought the *Eco-Community Dialogues* special guest speaker series to the city's Central Library every month from June 2009, to June 2010. Then in January 2010, Nancy was invited by Federal Judge Dorothy Nelson to participate in the Western Justice Center's conflict resolution training for volunteer mediators. As a volunteer mediator with the Western Justice Center's 7th Annual Peer Mediation Invitational she encouraged students to be peacemakers at their schools.

In August 2010 Nancy moved to Ashland, Oregon, where she wrote 121 *Eco-Community Dialogues Newsletters* between May 23, 2013, and November 2, 2016. |