



City of Palo Alto

City Council Staff Report

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Summary Title: Fire Prevention Week 2018

Title: Proclamation Honoring Fire Prevention Week, October 7-13, 2018

From: City Manager

Lead Department: City Clerk

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Proclamation Honoring Fire Prevention Week 2018



Proclamation

Fire Prevention Week October 7-13, 2018

WHEREAS, the City of Palo Alto is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting the community; and

WHEREAS, U.S. home fires resulted in 3,390 civilian deaths in 2016, representing the majority (78 percent) of all U.S. fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, newer homes are built with lightweight materials that burn faster than older home constructions, and many of today's products and furnishings produce toxic gases and smoke when burned, making it impossible to see and breathe within moments; and

WHEREAS, these conditions contribute to a much smaller window of time for people to escape a home fire safely, with people having as little as one to two minutes to escape from the time the smoke alarm sounds; and

WHEREAS, a home fire escape plan, which should be developed by all members of the household, includes two exits from every room in the home; a path to the outside from each exit; smoke alarms in all required locations; and a meeting place outside where everyone in the home will meet upon exiting; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palo Alto Fire Department first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palo Alto residents are encouraged to participate in public education measures so they are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere" effectively serves to educate the public about three basic but essential steps to take to reduce the likelihood of having a fire and how to escape safely in the event of one.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Liz Kniss, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim October 7-13, 2018 as Fire Prevention Week throughout this community; and urge all the people of Palo Alto to develop a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practice it twice a year, and to participate in the many public safety activities and efforts of the City of Palo Alto Fire and Emergency Services during Fire Prevention Week 2018.

Presented: October 15, 2018

Liz Kniss
Mayor