

ATTACHMENT "D"

Letter to: LAFD, CD4 & CD5 Councilmember's David Ryu & Paul Koretz, City Attorney Mike Feuer:

The BABCNC requests immediate enforcement of brush clearance violations for hazards related to both Home Sharing and Party House ordinances. This is an urgent matter due to dangers posed by the location of these houses in the very high fire severity zone (VHFSZ). Neighborhoods surrounding those properties are at immediate risk in the event of fires.

Currently, many short-term rentals are being used as party houses in the hillsides (located in VHFSZ). This activity puts the neighborhoods at unnecessary risk. Many of these houses are accessed by single lane and/or roads less than 20' in width.

If the city is taking revenue from home sharing, then all of those properties must be inspected by LAFD prior to receiving a home-sharing registration number. Any property requesting a registration number for home sharing must be checked by LAFD and well as any property currently posting on websites for home sharing.

Visitors renting houses or attending parties in the VHFSZ hillsides may not be aware of how combustible unclear brush can be. Additionally, risks occur when party houses do not plan for guest access, or do not have any parking. Parties of 100-200 people can (and have) blocked roads for hours preventing ambulance or fire truck access. This cannot be allowed in the VHFSZ as this hazard active and ongoing.

As an example of the problems in the VHFSZ, I have listed five short term rentals in Laurel Canyon currently that do not have brush clearance per LAFD requirements. I have also included a map for the five (5) houses, all in a 1900' radius, and the road width designations.

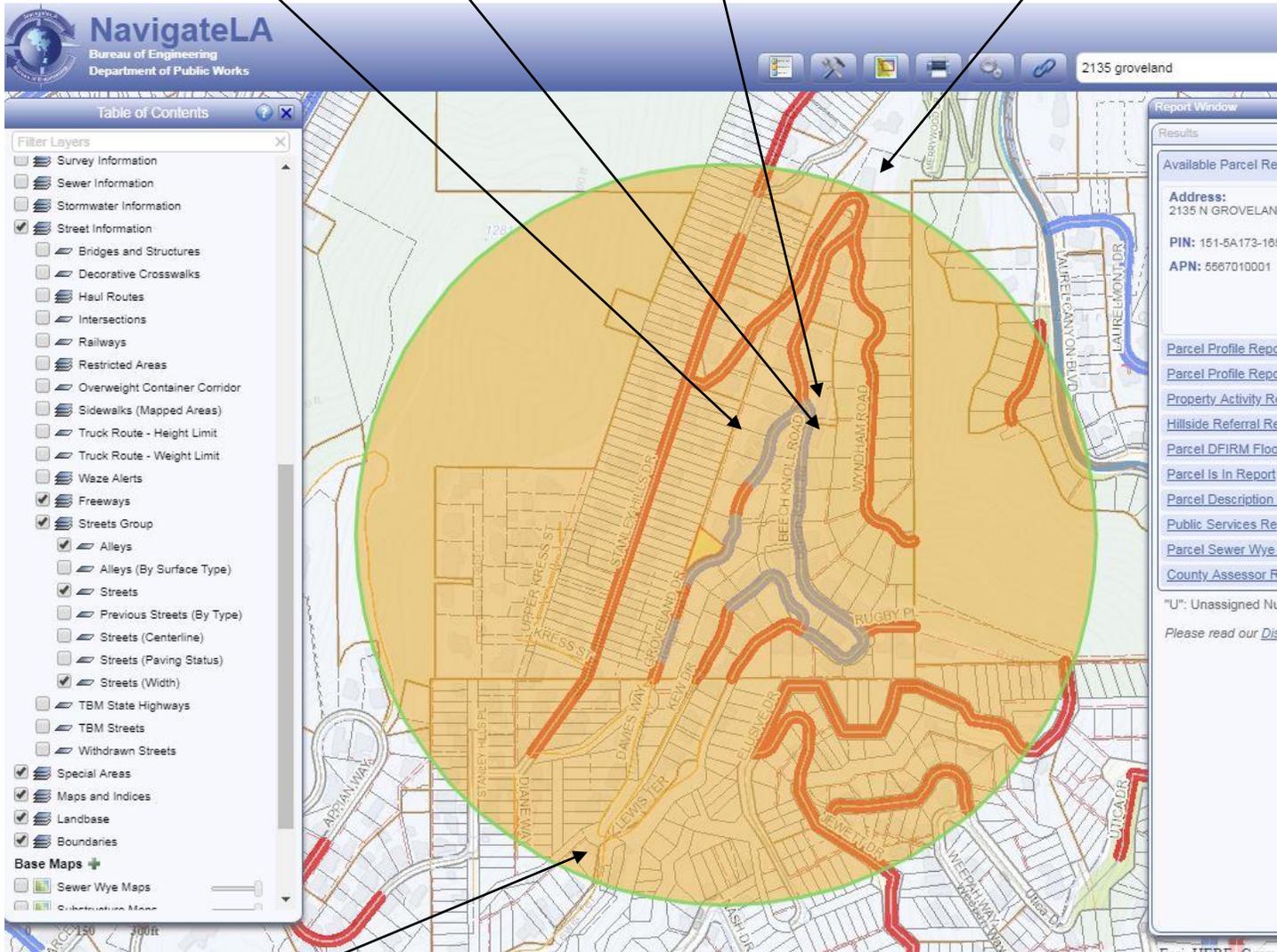
Photographs included*

1. 2035 Davies Way
2. 2182 Beech Knoll
3. 2190 Beech Knoll
4. 8401 Wyndham
5. 2161 Groveland Drive

**2161 Groveland
8401 Wyndham**

2182 Beech Knoll

2190 Beech Knoll



2035 Davies Way
with narrow roads, less than 20'w

Map of Short Term Rentals (1900' radius)