



**CONGRATULATING THE ACACIA NEIGHBORHOOD AS
BERKELEY'S FIRST FIREWISE USA SITE**

- WHEREAS,** the residents of Berkeley are aware of the challenges we all face with wildfire hazards and risks; and
- WHEREAS,** we all can be better prepared for wildfires, and other disasters, by strengthening ties with our neighbors and working together on vegetation mitigation, home hardening, evacuation plans, and other actions to reduce wildfire danger and increase chances of survival; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Firewise USA program helps community members learn how to protect their family members, their homes and their neighborhoods from wildfire; and
- WHEREAS,** the Berkeley Fire Department guides neighborhood groups towards achieving and becoming recognized as NFPA Firewise USA sites; and
- WHEREAS,** the Acacia Neighborhood Firewise Community created a board of leaders, organized neighbors to participate, learned about vegetation management and home hardening against wildfire, and developed a three-year plan for wildfire risk reduction; and
- WHEREAS,** the Acacia Neighborhood Firewise Community is Berkeley's first neighborhood group to achieve the goals towards becoming a NFPA Firewise USA site.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, Mayor and City Council of Berkeley, California do hereby honor the

Acacia Neighborhood Firewise Community

and invite everyone to reflect on their notable accomplishments to protect our community from wildfire.


Jesse Arreguin
Mayor



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