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This public comment is not in regards to any of today's Agenda items, this is a general public comment.

I would like the City Council to address the recent fire and the current conditions of El Dorado Park, the future of El Dorado Park, and what the City is doing to improve its management of our open space. El Dorado Park is a beautiful park, but, without better management of fuels, annual weed abatement, periodic fire closures, and patrols of the park, the future of El Dorado Park is uncertain and these disastrous fires can occur again. This is also true for our, Grape Street Trails, Crafton Hills Open Space, and the many trails and open space the City manages. I would like to see the Open Space and Trails Committee engage with the Community and develop a robust new program, Resilient Management Program of our Open Spaces and Trails and build strong partnerships with our local non-profits, the Wildlands Conservancy, Crafton Hills Conservancy and the Yucaipa Valley Conservancy. These non-profits manage large open spaces and they can help the City of Yucaipa with the restoration and continued health of our open spaces. And, I understand, El Dorado Park will be closed, maybe a month, or maybe longer, and so we must take this time to thoroughly analyze the damage, learn, and restore a healthier, resilient and robust community parks for everyone. I would like to call the City to develop a Resilient Management Program for our Open Space and Trails that emphasis on climate change, wildfires, annual weed abatement, periodic fire closures, partnerships with local non-profits and restoration of our natural areas, so that we are ready when these devastating fires happen and we can respond expeditiously and effectively.

Thank you.

*Luz Quinnell*