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Brush Management Funding

Earlier this year, I announced that the city had received a \$2.36 million federal government brush management grant. These grant funds will be matched with \$3.9 million from the city's General Fund. This will make it possible for the city to thin all 1,190 acres of city open space brush over the next two years.

This action will fully fund the city's Brush Management Program for the first time in the city's history. It will also fulfill one of the key recommendations made in the city's after-action report on the recent October wildfires. In addition to this funding, the City Council recently approved the purchase of a second Fire-Rescue helicopter, which will improve the Fire-Rescue Department's ability to fight these wildfires.

Our community has experienced firsthand the devastating effects of wildfires. We understand the need to have adequate brush management and fire resources at our disposal. During my time on the City Council, I have advocated for increased resources dedicated to protecting our community from wildfire.

Brush management is a key component of fire prevention. I am proud to announce that brush management is not just a top priority for District 5 but is now a top priority citywide. With this funding, the city is taking great strides on the path to wildfire prevention.

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