



## Fire Safe Council of San Diego County

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Phone: 619-562-0096 \* Fax: 619-562-4799  
Website: [www.firesafesdcounty.org](http://www.firesafesdcounty.org)

Member #:  
(To be assigned when formally approved by  
the Board of Directors)

### Associate Membership with the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County Network

*Community Fire Safe Councils (FSCs) are formed by volunteer residents to promote wildfire safety within a defined geographical area or neighborhood. Projects and activities of the councils are all conducted according to the objectives of the California Fire Plan and follow the general guidelines as shown below. Councils work in collaboration with federal, State and local agencies, and the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County (FSCSDC) to reduce the threat of wildfire to area residents.*

The FSC of University City has established a group of community volunteers who acknowledge our community's wildfire hazards and recognize the value of providing community education for defensible space to help protect our homes and properties from wildfires.

#### Guidelines for Community Fire Safe Council Associate Membership:

##### FIRE SAFE COUNCILS:

- Promote and maintain an active volunteer membership.
- Identify a facilitator or chairperson and board to act as liaison to the FSCSDC.
- Submit a copy of the Fire Safe Council of University City's name and logo for approval by the FSCSDC Board of Directors; the FSCSDC will then forward to California FSC with name of council and contact info (as authorized by the local FSC) to be listed on their website.
- Conduct meetings as necessary to discuss issues and projects of the FSC.
- Form working cooperative partnerships with local fire agencies and jurisdictions, such as city, volunteer and special district fire departments, CAL FIRE, County of San Diego, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and others as appropriate to the defined area.
- Identify local community fire hazards in the defined area and develop a list of fire safe management projects and educational programs which will result in desired and specific outcomes. (Examples include adherence to 100' brush reduction ordinances as per local fire jurisdiction; creation of community fire breaks; public education outreach on fire-resistant landscaping techniques and structural hardening; weed and brush abatement; evacuation planning and disaster preparedness; street signage; telephone trees; emergency communication tools, etc.)

##### COMMUNITY FSCS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO:

- Participate in the FSCSDC bi-monthly meetings.
- Provide activity sheets, activity photos, success story articles, meeting agendas and sign-in sheets to the FSCSDC that will help them identify and convey community successes of all Community Fire Safe Councils to media, public, and legislators.
- Begin developing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and other assessment/planning tools as desired and as appropriate to their own area.

#### THE FIRE SAFE COUNCIL OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY AGREES TO PROVIDE TO ALL ASSOCIATE MEMBER FIRE SAFE COUNCILS:

- Associate Membership with the FSCSDC (advisory, non-voting member of the Board of Directors).
- Registration as an approved Fire Safe Council (CAFSC has authorized the FSCSDC to approve/register local FSC logos and use of the name "Fire Safe Council" on its behalf upon review by FSCSDC Board of Directors). FSCSDC will notify CAFSC of all Associate Members as approved. (All questions regarding



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legal issues are to be referred to the CAFSC which owns and/or has copyright for the name and logo of the Fire Safe Council.)

- Ongoing staff support, as funded, from the FSCSDC.
- Liaison with California FSC & California Fire Alliance.
- Network with other Community FSCs.
- Workshops, training, conferences.

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### COMMUNITY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL:

As designated representative of the Fire Safe Council of University City, I/we understand that by becoming an approved Associate Member of the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County, our Community FSC has access to specified benefits and services available through the FSCSDC (see guidelines packet for a partial list).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Designated Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
November 7, 2019  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jemma Samala, Chair  
Name and Title of Signatory

### APPROVED BY COUNCIL ACTION of the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Designated Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Title of Signatory

Please sign and return original to:

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*Upon approval by the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County, this form will be returned to the Community Fire Safe Council and FSC will be registered with the California Fire Safe Council.*