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I've read the abbreviated form of SB78 and nowhere is there an explanation of why it is even proposed.

One can only speculate it is at the behest of the insurance industry to serve them following conflagrations. It appears its sole purpose is to urge people to move away from such properties rather than restore what they had and lost. If the purpose is to mitigate fire danger and ignition sources it serves no purpose (fires start / consume places - big and small). The siting and zoning laws are already onerous and overburdening enough without this additional layer of governmental oversight. Until it can provide an honest and necessary justification, said bill makes no sense whatsoever and simply adds another restriction on citizens' personal choices and options. If the purpose is to prevent commercial development of properties following a disaster and rebuild that can be accomplished by zoning allowances limiting structures to 'no larger than previously approved and not permitting combining neighboring properties necessary for commercial development. This bill is intended to benefit someone but it certainly isn't the property owner or loss victim. We strongly oppose.