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03/30/2009 08:47 AM

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Subject Fw: Latrobe Fire Protection District

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Subject Latrobe Fire Protection District

Dear El Dorado County Board of Supervisors;

It is in times like these that people must really tighten their belts and get the best value for their money or in other words, find ways to make their dollars stretch. I believe that all of us fully understand this as we face increased costs, reduced incomes, or both. We all have a fiduciary responsibility to our households to make decisions that keep in line with our budgets. In the same fashion, our elected officials have the same responsibility to their community and the tax payers. I find it very disturbing that our County Supervisors are considering the possibility of reducing the tax allocation of funds that is currently directed to support the Latrobe Fire Protection District (LFPD). The LFPD supports a community that strongly supports it back. This is clearly demonstrated by the fact that the majority of the staff are volunteers and put in hundreds of hours annually to train and respond to numerous emergencies throughout the community. In addition, the LFPD has worked hard to fulfill their fiduciary responsibility by stretching their dollars to build a strong fire protection district and provide service above and beyond the cost. We are truly receiving much greater value than for what we are paying. It is important to note that there is a minimum necessary to keep the doors open as there is with any operation. Any sort of reduction would be cutting into this minimum and could severely limit service. The potential downside is rather enormous. We would face increased response times which could lead to disastrous results in life threatening situations, a greater loss of property, and significant increases in insurance premiums to all in the community. None of these risks are acceptable and would clearly demonstrate a lack of fiduciary responsibility on the part of those making such decisions.

I ask that the Board of Supervisors sincerely review a decision to reallocate these funds. The

value received by this community is too great to ignore. I believe that any other decision would demonstrate a lack of understanding or may appear that this community is not considered valuable to the County.

Sincerely,

Stephen & Michelle Katzakian
4530 Grazing Hill Road
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The BOSONE/PV/EDC
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Subject March 30 Save Our Fire Dept.



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Subject FW: Save Our Fire Dept.

From: Pete & Gail Bower [mailto:PG3615@zetabroadband.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2009 10:50 AM
To: 'bostwo@co.el-dorado.ca.us'
Subject: Save Our Fire Dept.

Board of Supervisors,

We live in the Latrobe area and have just been informed of the fact that you as a Board will soon be voting to do away with what we have as a Fire Dept. We have lived here for almost 20 years and have watched and observed how well our mostly volunteer Fire Dept. operates. The response time is of utmost concern in this area due to the terrain and the vegetation. We have no fire hydrants down the street and the closest water is currently in the El Dorado Hills business park. We must have adequate fire protection and emergency services the Latrobe Fire Dept. provides. What about the safety of the children at Latrobe School and Miller's Hill School? How long you do suppose it would take the neighboring Fire Dept's to respond to that corner of Latrobe? I say much too long!!! This could be a life or death situation. We all pay for this through our property tax and glad to do so. Why is this even a consideration? Fire protection is a basic need.

Why can't an analysis be done on all El Dorado County Fire Dept's to determine just exactly what they individually need to operate at a minimum. The current percentages received are all over the scale. Each Fire Dept. has it's own set of needs and requirements.

Over the last 10 years or so the population has increased in the Latrobe area creating more and more Fire Dept. calls. Along with that the size of the homes has also increased adding to this important consideration. Our Fire Dept. has responded to an ever increasing variety of calls ranging from medical calls, rescues, wild land fires, hazardous spills, and vehicle accidents. The ability to respond to these situations has required our Fire Dept. to get all the proper training necessary to meet federal and state law. Our Fire Dept. personnel for the most part do not receive pay for the countless hours of work they contribute. These individuals are heroes. We need them dearly and value their service.

Lastly, our insurance rating will go right through the roof. At this time we have to pay slightly higher insurance premiums due to the location of the closest fire hydrant etc. Without a manned Fire Dept. and proper funding we will either be dropped or have to pay exorbitant insurance rates as a result of your vote.

Please do not take away our Latrobe Fire protection. We pay for it and we deserve it. Our dollars need to be spent protecting us as they were meant to be.

Thank you for your consideration,

A concerned citizen of Latrobe



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Subject March 30 item Funding for Fire District



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03/26/2009 11:04 AM

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Subject Funding for Fire District

Supervisor John Knight, please see the attached letter regarding parity funding
to the
Pioneer Fire Protection District.



Parity Funding Letter[1].doc

Dear Supervisor John Knight:

I am a resident of El Dorado County and am served by the Pioneer Fire Protection District.

I request that you support the continuation of funding for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services (also known as the "parity" fire protection funding) to our District at its current level.

This funding is CRITICAL in order for our fire district to continue to provide the level of service that it currently does. The Pioneer Fire Protection District serves an estimated population of 8,000 and covers 296 square miles (187,000 acres). The District responded to 667 calls for service in 2008. This call-for-service volume has increased consistently from 515 in 2007 and 504 in 2006. All these calls have been handled (and residents and transient population served) by ONE 24/7 staffed engine company (full-time paid personnel) and a part-time engine company staffed with resident firefighters. The District is run very efficiently and fiscally responsibly by Chief Robert Gill and two administrative staff.

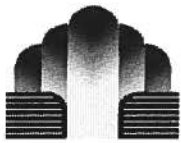
If Pioneer Fire Protection District's share of the "parity" fire protection funding (\$279,000) is eliminated, or even reduced, the effects on the District and its residents would be significant and devastating. The loss of Pioneer FPD's share would be the loss of almost ONE THIRD of its operating budget and would affect EVERYTHING within the District:

- **This money is used for day-to-day operation of the Fire District.**
- **Response times within the District would increase.**
- **There would be reductions in FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL.**
- **With a smaller department and longer response times, the ISO insurance rating for the district would potentially be affected, therefore increasing insurance costs (or even cancellation of policies) for the District's residents.**

Thank you very much for your consideration in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

**Katharine & James Hawkins
P O Box 91
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The BOSONE/PV/EDC
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03/13/2009 11:07 AM

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Subject March 30 item: Parity Funding for Pioneer Fire Protection
District



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03/12/2009 06:49 PM

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Subject Parity Funding for Pioneer Fire Protection District

Dear Supervisor Knight,

Please see the attached letter regarding the "parity" funding for the Pioneer Fire Protection District

Thank you!

Mark Almer
P.O. Box 202
Grizzly Flats, CA 95636



(530-622-3774 Letter to Supervisor Knight.doc

March 12, 2009

Dear Supervisor Knight:

I am a resident of El Dorado County and am served by the Pioneer Fire Protection District.

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Thank you very much for your consideration in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

**Mark R. Almer
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Subject Mar 30 item: Fire District Funding



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03/19/2009 10:46 PM

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Subject Fire District Funding

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor John Knight – District 1

I am a resident of Rescue, and live within the Rescue Fire District boundary. I am very concerned about the proposal in front of you regarding reduction and/or loss of funding from the County to local fire districts. It sounds like you are trying to save money as the County is in a financial crisis as is most other agencies.

Believe me, the cost of public safety should be #1 on your priority agenda. I shouldn't have to tell you of the consequences of reduced response from our Fire and Law Enforcement personnel - You already know. You were elected by the people of this county to make decisions that result in the greatest good for the greatest number of people. Our FIRE DISTRICTS are agencies that also provide the greatest good for the greatest number of people – They need the current

funding from the County to maintain their duty and responsibility to the people of their communities. Please do not reduce their funding.

Thank you,

Keith W. Benton

2191 Peaceful Garden Way

Rescue, CA 95672

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Keith Benton
Stake Emergency Preparedness Specialist
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Subject March 30 item Garden Valley Fire dept.



Bob & Riki Griswold
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03/26/2009 09:45 AM

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Subject Garden Valley Fire dept.

Re: GV Fire Department

In reply to what the current Board of Supervisors has proposed for our Garden Valley

Fire Department, I can only state my dismay and fears. We have so few services from the county and the most important one is now at risk.

We need all, and actually more, of the resources our Fire Department offers to this community. They are a vital part of this community and any decrease in personnel, services and funding would be considered criminal, especially as it endangers the health and safety on the Divide. I understand from my research that Garden Valley is severely underfunded and that other districts are indeed receiving more dollars than we are.

We are in a fire area, distant from the County Services. Our taxes are taken into the county coffers, a good portion of our building permit fees go to the county coffers, plus this community has voted twice to give extra funds our local Fire Department by way of extra local taxes. The personnel are truly vital to the health and safety of the citizens living here. We need local emergency services.

By diminishing the current personnel in the GVFD, emergency services would be severely impaired; response time would be delayed if at all available.

I feel we have done our part in voting for 2 additional taxes to keep our Fire Fighters here and at least, at the current number.

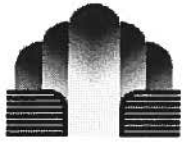
Please consider abandoning the proposal to reduce funding and personnel and leave what we currently have., (albeit minimal, at present)

Sincerely,

Riki Griswold

Garden Valley, CA.

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Subject March 30 item: Fire protection funding

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Raymond Alden
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Subject Fire protection funding

To John Knight, Ray Nutting, James R. Sweeney, Ron Briggs,
and Norma Santiago, Supervisors, El Dorado County:

From: Raymond M. Alden, seasonal resident at Fallen Leaf Lake
for 82 years.

Subject: Fire protection funding

Dear Friends:

It is the nature of wildfires to make this issue independent of
district boundaries. Wildfires don't know where those boundaries
are!

We have excellent protection at Fallen Leaf Lake, given the
character of our exposure, from a mostly volunteer force. The
major threats to our security – at least those that I'm aware of –
have originated outside the Fallen Leaf basin, but that doesn't
suggest that we need less protection, nor that we should pay
more for it than is required within other fire districts.

We want to continue our present level of service and are willing to

pay for it, but we should not have to pay more than do the residents of other fire districts. That means that County funding supplements are needed to "level the field", and that they are reasonable and fair, as the residents of all districts share the same threats from wildfires.

Please continue the funding supplements, even if the County must raise taxes in order to do so – after, of course, assuring yourselves that good efficiency is being maintained.

R. M. Alden

3/26/09