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Ms. Enea:

I wish to be considered for the Public opening of Evaluator of the Proposals for EMS Ambulance service in Contra Costa County. I have been a resident of Contra Costa County since 1970, living in a variety of areas including the Danville/San Ramon area, the Orinda Area, the Central County, and, since 2004 in Brentwood in East County. As shown on the enclosed resume, after a 43-year career with a heavy finance component, I am now retired and heavily engaged in local and regional governance, especially with regards to the Fire service.

I have been very active in Fire matters since 2006, beginning with the public hearings on the CityGate report on the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District. I was involved as a member of the public in the 2009 Fire and Emergency Medical Service MSR process at LAFCO, and have attended all the workshops conducted as an offshoot of that review. I was also involved as a member of the public in the discussions at the BOS about giving control of the District to a locally appointed Board of Directors, which culminated in establishment of said Board in February of 2010. I was sworn in as a Director in January of 2013, and currently serve as Director and Chair of the Board's Finance Committee. In our current campaign to educate the Public on our need to pass a Fire Suppression Benefit Assessment for ECCFPD, I often find myself explaining and defending the role of the Fire Service in Emergency Medical Services.

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An important component of Fire and EMS response is the road network they must use in getting to the scene, especially the Routes of Regional Significance. My service with the Contra Costa Transportation Authority gives me a thorough knowledge of roadway and traffic matters and the unique geography of Contra Costa County.

With specific respect to EMS matters and the Ambulance Contract, I have attended the various BOS hearings and workshops associated with the Fitch EMS study. I attended the EMS Ambulance Request For Proposal Development Workshop on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014—contributing my own comments—and the Mandatory Proposer's Conference on March 19<sup>th</sup> of this year.

With regard to objectivity I, of course, have never been an employee of Contra Costa County or any potential party to the Contract at any time. Further, while deeply involved in Fire matters, I do not currently reside in the CONFIRE Service Area. While Chief Henderson and I are watching developments with great interest, ECCFPD is not a party to the proceeding.

In conclusion, I feel that my experience since 2006 in Fire and EMS matters, my local knowledge of most of Contra Costa County, my financial expertise, and my record of public service uniquely qualify me for this appointment.

Sincerely,

Stephen F. Smith