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City Council

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December 11, 2012

Board of Directors  
Contra Costa Consolidated Fire Protection District

Honorable Board Members:

The Lafayette City Council urges you in the strongest terms to reject Fire Chief Louder's recommendation to close Fire Station 16 in Lafayette. Closure of Station 16 would needlessly endanger lives, and because there are other workable alternatives, it is totally and completely unacceptable.

Consider, please, that:

- **If you vote to close Station 16, you will put people's lives at risk.** According to Chief Louder, 58% of the calls to Station 16 have historically been responded to by District personnel within ConFire's 6-minute target window; after the closure, in instances where there is no mutual aid, that number will drop to just 8%. Since clinical brain death occurs in 8 minutes without oxygen and brain damage occurs in 4-6 minutes, the slower response times suggest that Louder's proposal to down-staff Station 16 in Lafayette could lead to preventable deaths.
- **Closure of a fire station in Lafayette raises serious equity issues.** According to Jackie Lorrekovich, Chief of Administrative Services for the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (see attached), it costs an average of \$2.2M annually to operate a fire station. Lafayette's three fire stations, then, cost about \$6.6M per year to operate. Since, in FY11-12 Lafayette contributed \$7.8M to the District, Lafayette's net contribution to the District is about \$1.2M. Because we have received excellent service from ConFire, the City of Lafayette has never questioned the efficacy of that outflow. Closure of Station 16, however, would necessarily change that supportive position because Lafayette would then receive dramatically decreased service levels while increasing its net District contribution to \$3.2M. Under Louder's plan, 41% of the taxes that Lafayette residents pay would be used to fund services in other communities. That would be completely unfair, unsustainable, and untenable.
- **If the Board is determined to down-staff a station in Lafayette, Confire should staff the three fire stations in Lafayette with two paramedic-firefighters each.** Since, as we understand it, 96% of the calls in Lafayette are for medical services, this option would retain wide coverage in Lafayette for the calls that occur most often. This would be an acceptable way to reduce the costs of services in Lafayette and the savings from the taxes collected in the City would be available to the District to cover costs in other locations.
- **We are not proposing that two-person staffing be implemented district-wide; it should be implemented in Lafayette only.** One benefit of this proposal: it would give the District an opportunity to try

this innovative approach on a limited basis. Given ConFire's bleak long-term financial forecast, such a trial might prove valuable if / when the District is forced to down-staff in other communities. Also, the location of the existing stations in Lafayette, coupled with the often congested downtown traffic makes maintaining the three current stations in the City critical to maintaining response times for medical emergencies in west Lafayette.

- **Chief Louder's staff report is incomplete.** Nowhere does it indicate what metrics or algorithms are used to determine which stations should or should not be closed. The Board should demand better information before it makes such an important decision, and therefore delay any action until it receives an analysis that indicates how the list of ten stations considered for closure was developed.

Thank you for your close attention to these very serious issues. If, in the unfortunate event that the Board chooses to close Station 16, we urge the Board to make a statement indicating that it views the closure as temporary and reserves funding available for the reconstruction of Station 16 for a later time when the District's financial circumstances are more sustainable.

Most sincerely,

  
Mike Anderson  
Mayor

**From:** Lorrekovich.Jackie [<mailto:JLorr@cccfd.org>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 24, 2012 3:50 PM  
**To:** Robinson, Tracy  
**Subject:** Lafayette Revenue

Tracy,

There are 19 TRAs in Lafayette that feed into CCCFPD's general operating fund. The gross AB8 amount in FY11-12 for those areas was \$7.8 million. Prior to the dissolution of RDAs, the net RDA loss was about \$400,000.

In terms of station costs, I use different figures depending on whether we are looking at service cuts or service additions (for example, a contractual arrangement with a city to provide services). The focus is currently on service cuts, and for that I use a figure in the range of \$2.1 - \$2.3 million per station. I think \$2.1 million (perhaps less) is more realistic in terms of potential savings associated with service cuts. There are many costs that will not go away if we close a station (POBs, OPEB, etc.). For the purposes of adding a station, the estimate is \$2.5 - \$2.7 million for FY12-13; I think this is a more realistic number in terms of actual costs to run a station.

Those station costs are averages and do not account for maintenance and repair to a specific station or apparatus. As you know we have three stations in Lafayette, and they are some of our older stations (Sta 15 – 1968, Sta 16 – 1958, and Sta 17 – 1957).

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Jackie

Jackie Lorrekovich  
Chief of Administrative Services  
Contra Costa County Fire Protection District  
925.941.3312  
[www.cccfd.org](http://www.cccfd.org)

Cheryll Grover

Measure Q did not pass the Super Majority required to raise this tax money, but it DID get a majority of votes in all but one City.

Our Board of Supervisors are voted IN by a majority.

You are obliged to follow the Super majority in the matter of *implementing* that measure, but the MAJORITY has spoken, to its Board of Supervisors.

In this matter, it might be more pertinent to look at the areas that were NOT inclined to tax themselves \$6. More a month to save fire stations for everybody. And if they are the wealthiest among us, then the message is yet another one. Folks that that are betting on other people's lives and livelihoods. Certainly they would not have been HURT by this \$6 a month tax. They have bought the political rhetoric of no new taxes, regardless of who gets hurt. That is the stalemate that lost & won the last national election in many areas. But these were not a majority of Contra Costa Citizens.

And yes, the minority HAS spoken. <sup>too</sup> I think if there are ANY closed stations, they should be the stations of the people who were unwilling to pay a very little more, during this time when they are saving the MOST on their reduced property taxes. They said, "we do not want to pay for services, period."

A majority of Mt.View *passed* this measure. This modest community that is NOT wealthy, but hard working blue collar workers, voted to INCREASE their taxes to save fire stations for EVERYBODY. Do you know why? Because their houses burn faster. Because they are an elderly population that requires more help to save their lives. Because they live next to a refinery and are fully aware of what happens inside & outside of those fences. *But they did NOT know they were on this list. They voted to pay taxes for EVERYBODY.*  
In a study of the percentage of voters that voted more NO votes than other areas there are some winners of the close my station contest."

*& Then comes Clayton, Lafayette, Walnut Creek and Concord.*  
*the Big winner - having completely defeated the measure*  
If THAT is not the list of those that are now put on this chopping block then, NOBODY should be on this list. And we must go back to our pledge to support fire

services and public safety over the rest of the fauder. Services that support the things that keep us alive, should not be divvied up like chickens for slaughter.

We need to OWN success not failure. When more people die, that's failure.

Cheryll Grover

President, Mt.View Improvement Association

December 11, 2012

~~Pat Ulmer~~ Pat Ulmer

I would like to share some information from a Times editorial.

Quote " The REDEVELOPMENT areas, some decades old, allow cities and the county to siphon off taxes that would otherwise go to the Contra Costa Fire District and other public agencies. As a result, the fire district lost nearly \$12 million in revenue during the 2009-10 fiscal year, the report says. PITTSBURG'S redevelopment agency was responsible for nearly ONE THIRD of that total." End quote

I am sure that there are a million reasons the County has budget trouble, and pensions are a popular and easy target and should NOT be a part of this conversation whatsoever because these fire fighters' pensions did not get us here,

But this article brought into focus that there is budget hemorrhaging that has not been addressed and as it continues, threatens every public service activity the County provides. Especially if this round of closures is just one of many Bandaid solutions to come, as per the Fire Chief's report to the Fire Advisory Committee in October of 2012.

But if these funds were siphoned away from ConFire it MUST be addressed.

The City of Martinez has consistently contributed 100% of its appropriate tax base with zero siphoned off by redevelopment.

And now we of Mt.View would be paying our taxes the same ... with significantly reduced services, while so many others, including Pittsburg, enjoy their existing service levels. Even with "stretching" of a station, what if 2 calls came in at once for the two different areas. How much time is lost determining which call to take, and which call gets priority when they are both heart attacks/ The one that is closer!

Pittsburg has many streets and developments that are new, in contrast to this very old area of Martinez, which means they have longer burn times in the newer materials in those newer homes.

Certainly the recipients of millions of \$\$ that affected ALL our fire stations should in some way participate in problem resolution, and prioritizing would suggest they should be first on the list if you have to go forward with this horrendous idea of closures.

Otherwise we ask you to refrain from closures.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter for us.

Alice Alderette

Mt. View Improvement Association

Ray Ulmer

The Fire Chief reported to the Fire Protection Advisory Committee in October 2012 that he would use “community threat” and “refineries” as factors in determining closures, of fire stations but he then picked the only station NEAR a refinery in Con Fire services- for closure. He is using response times as a priority OVER public safety.

Our station 12 is TRAINED for oil fires and has the special equipment for such fires and is 2nd responder to Shell Oil for THEIR fires when needed, and they HAVE been needed. We do not see any report on the times that station 12 has been called to support Shell’s fire crews. Do we do not have an assessment on what help was provided and the impact the services rendered had on the safety of the community and Contra Costa economically.

Shell Oil has does not provide fire support to come out into the community for our aid, even in those cases of major disasters initiated within the refinery. I believe that having a refinery, as a neighbor, is an additional community threat.

A threat from malfunctions, such as the Chevron fire that Richmond community recently experienced, and we have often experienced, but also a threat from being a potential terrorism target. They are adding higher capacity crude tanks that could blow Mtz. off the face of the map. Emergency Services recognizes that REFINERIES can be targets of



terrorist attacks, but do not respond to these types of emergencies in the same ways as fire personnel do. They have no training or equipment to fight oil fires. Do they save lives or health with life saving equipment?

Would it be possible to use Homeland Security Grant Program funds to keep Station 12 open? This important fire station, with its close proximity to the Shell Refinery should not be closed. At the last Board meeting you authorized nearly \$1.5 million to Emergency Services out of this fund. Couldn't, *shouldn't* that fund be utilized <sup>to keep</sup> for this needed, specialized fire station open?

Responsibility to protect us from those disasters whatever they may be, lies with you.

We depend on our county government to PLAN, BUILD, FUND, SUPPORT, and PROTECT the services that are designated as necessary and essential to our communities. To follow this list of closures, then plan to close more and more neighborhood fire stations seems insufficient as a response, and deadly for some of us.

Please work to come up with solutions that are fair to everyone, treating everyone equally. No one life is worth more or less than another. I believe that the closing of Fire Station 12 creates disparity of services. This station services a less affluent area and one that <sup>has</sup> greater threats due to its proximity to an oil refinery and I believe <sup>that</sup> it is a mistake.

Thank You

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Complete this form and place it in the upright box near the speaker's podium, and wait to be called by the Chair.

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Name (PRINT): Ellen Diamond  
To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may want to include its phonetic spelling

Address: 6401 Center St.

City: Clayton

Phone: 925-524-5100

I wish to speak on Agenda Item #: D1

Date: 12-11-12

- My comments will be:
- General
  - For
  - Against

I wish to speak on the subject of:

Potential closure of station 11

I do not want to speak but would like to leave comments for the Board to consider  
(Use the back of this form)

I am speaking for:  Myself

Organization: Diamond Terrace Retirement Comm.

**Information for Speakers:**

In lieu of speaking, I wish to submit these comments:

We need station 11 open!  
Diamond Terrace is a retirement community right across the street. YTD - we have had to call 911 34 times. - 3 incidents were life threatening - if the residents had not gotten immediate response they would have died  
All 87 residents are very concerned.

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Name (PRINT): Peter Weiler  
*To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may want to include its phonetic spelling*

Address: 109 Forest Hill Dr.

City: Clayton

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I am speaking for:  Myself  
 Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to speak on Agenda Item #: D.1

Date: 12/11/12

My comments will be:  General  
 For  
 Against

I wish to speak on the subject of:  
Closing Clayton  
Fire Station

I do not want to speak but would like to leave comments for the Board to consider  
*(Use the back of this form)*

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Closing the Clayton Fire Station  
puts our homes and lives at risk.  
Diamond Terrace, a large retirement  
community, is practically next door  
to the station. The elderly, frail  
residents depend on fast response  
from paramedics if emergencies occur.  
This closing may cost lives.

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Name (PRINT): Sepideh Farshadnia  
To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may want to include its phonetic spelling

Address: 811 Palmer Rd

City: Walnut Creek

Phone: 925 982-9333 3932

I am speaking for:  Myself  
 Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to speak on Agenda Item #: D.1

Date: 12/11/12

My comments will be:  General  
 For  
 Against

I wish to speak on the subject of:

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In lieu of speaking, I wish to submit these comments:

My husband and I have been living in this neighborhood for the past year.  
We are living across the street from station 4.  
We feel very safe to live next to them.  
Perhaps one of the main reasons we purchased our house was because of being so close to them.  
The benefit they offer is very significant to the neighborhood. They are usually very quiet and very careful not to cause any disturbance.  
I would like them to stay here and offer the great service they are doing now.

From: Farid Yazdy & Sepideh Farshadnia

Residence: 811 Palmer Road

Date: 12/9/2012

To whom it may Concern:

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They are usually very quiet and very careful not to cause any disturbance. I would like them to stay here and offer the great service they are doing now.

Sincerely yours,

Farid Yazdy & Seipdeh Farshadnia

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized combination of the names Farid and Sepideh, written over a faint, large oval shape.

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Name (PRINT): Jennifer DiCrazia  
To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may want to include its phonetic spelling

Address: 132 El Camino Corto

City: Walnut Creek, CA

Phone: (925) 938-5264

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Date: 12/11/2012

My comments will be:  General  
 For  
 Against

I wish to speak on the subject of:

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I am speaking for:  Myself  
 Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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Comments for the record

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Our community is  
requesting that you  
reconsider the closing of  
the Hawthorne Dr. Fire  
department. We feel the  
closure would severely  
impact response time  
to emergency situations.  
This fire station is located  
near 4 schools and several swim clubs.

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Name (PRINT): Terry L. Byrnes  
*To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may want to include its phonetic spelling*

Address: 411 Twin Oaks Lane

City: Walnut Creek, CA

Phone: 925 ~~915~~ 934-2352

I am speaking for:  Myself & neighborhood community  
 Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to speak on Agenda Item #: D1

Date: 12/1/2

My comments will be:  General  
 For ~~DI~~  
 Against D1

I wish to speak on the subject of:

The possible  
Closing of Fire  
Station # 4 @  
Hawthorne & Palmer

I do not want to speak but would like to leave comments for the Board to consider  
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Item D1

Thank you for the opportunity to <sup>address</sup> ~~speack with~~ you today.

My name is Terry Byrnes

I live near the Fire/Paramedic Station #4 at Hawthorne and Palmer in the unincorporated Walnut Creek neighborhood of Walnut Heights.

Our community butts up against the Shell Ridge open space and in the last few years we have had two fires in the open space very near heavily treed residential neighborhoods. We have many windy roads and small lanes in our area. Every minute counts in such an area. Thank goodness those fires weren't on windy days. We need a fire station nearby to avert a disastrous firestorm. The cost of a firestorm like the one in Oakland in 1991 sweeping through our area would far exceed the cost of maintaining our one station which has a much higher chance of preventing such an occurrence than waiting for 10 to 20 minutes for a fire services from across town. As a CERT member and as a master gardener, I have attended several lectures by a fire chief about how vulnerable we are in Contra Costa due to fire services being spread so thin, our open spaces, hilly and windy roads, heavily treed areas and more and more often drought. I personally know many people in our neighborhood who voted to increase our local taxes to help fund fire services and would be here today but needed to work. If it would help, I will get signatures and addresses from residents in our area that do not want our much needed station to close. On another note, this is an older community and although new younger families have moved into the area, many elderly still live here, including my mother who is in a wheelchair and nearly blind with full time caregivers. In an emergency, our community depends on our local firepersons and paramedics. I urge you to find the funds now in the name of prevention and keep the fire station #4 open.

Terry L Byrnes  
411 Twin Oaks Lane  
Walnut Creek, CA 94596



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Name (PRINT): Judy Roberts  
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I am speaking for:  Myself  
 Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to speak on Agenda Item #: DI

Date: 12-11-12

My comments will be:  General  
 For  
 Against

I wish to speak on the subject of:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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In lieu of speaking, I wish to submit these comments:

I have been a resident for  
23 years. Clayton is a  
remote beautiful place to live  
but we are too far from the  
~~Clay~~ Concord fire stations to  
receive timely emergency response  
if we experience a stroke or heart  
attack or even a fire. The distance  
is a difference of life or death!

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Name (PRINT): MICHAEL THOMAS  
To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may want to include its phonetic spelling

Address: HAWTHORNE DRIVE

City: WALNUT CREEK

Phone: (NEAR STATION 4)

I wish to speak on Agenda Item #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

My comments will be:  General

For

Against

I wish to speak on the subject of:

FIRE STATION

CLOSURE

I am speaking for:  Myself

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

I do not want to speak but would like to leave comments for the Board to consider  
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P.S. WHAT HAPPENS TO STATION 4 ONCE IT IS CLOSED? WHAT IS DONE WITH THE BUILDING? THE PROPERTY? PLEASE DO NOT SELL IT TO A DEVELOPER! KEEP TO RE-OPEN IN THE FUTURE.

**Information for Speakers:**

In lieu of speaking, I wish to submit these comments:

YOU SHOULD HAVE THE PUBLIC SPEAK FIRST.

THE MEDIA LEFT

AND MOST OF THE

PUBLIC LEFT.

PERHAPS IF THE "TV"

MEDIA REPORTED ON THIS

(RATHER THAN ONLY TM CCTIMES)

THE OVERALL PUBLIC WOULD HAVE VOTED "YES" ON Q (2/3 YES)

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Answered by Michael Thomas  
today's mtg

I had filled a request to speak  
unfortunately I had to leave at 5 pm.  
Here are my concerns.

My name is Teresa Adler. I've lived in Walnut Creek for over 30 years and my household is being affected by the suggested closure of Station 4.

At last week's meeting the Fire Chief made a presentation that outlined the criteria being used for identifying the fire stations they are recommending for closure. One of the criteria was call volume. We learned Station 4 has 500 plus calls a year which is one of the lowest in the county. Should we be looking at the types of calls that are being made? Are some stations receiving a high number of non-emergent calls making their call volume higher?

Closing Station 4 would also compromise response time for our area and at the same time create a safety risk to the individuals living in the area. I believe the Fire Chief stated the Contra Costa County Fire District's standard for response time was 6 minutes—that time would certainly be increased with another station taking Station 4 calls. If the San Ramon Fire District takes the calls. A 911 call from our area would go into the Contra Costa dispatch center, they in turn would call the San Ramon dispatch center, and San Ramon would then call Station 32. The distance for the fire truck to travel would be greater. We drove from our house to where Station 32 will be relocated once their new building is complete. Our home is located at the end of Walnut Boulevard—which means one road in and out of the area. Not knowing the route that would be taken we chose residential streets, and obviously had to stop at the stop signs along the way, the trip took a little over 9 minutes. Add the increased call time and time for the fire fighters to change into their gear and leave the station--does that mean we can expect a wait of up to 12 minutes from when we place a 911 call? If safety is a factor should we not take this into consideration?

\* Not noted on slide 12 is the fact that station 4 is in a wild lands area in terms of community threat.

Slide 18: There is no way station 32 can get to end of walnut w/in 6.16 minutes!! ~~Station~~

Michael Thomas

If the downtown station takes Station 4 calls I believe you are putting the community at risk. From what I understand it is a very busy station and there again further away. As noted in the most recent Walnut Creek newsletter the City has plans for several new development projects in the coming year. Some of the projects include expanding the Encino shopping area, the Transit Village will add 600 new housing units, on Locust Street additional retail space will be developed along with adding 140 apartments, and near West Civic Drive 300 more apartments will be built. With the additional retail space and over one thousand new housing units is now the time to close stations?

The mission of the Fire District states: Contra Costa Fire Protection District exists to provide you, your family and our communities with professional services dedicated to the preservation of life, property and the environment.

By closing fire stations professional services will be hampered and life and property will definitely be in danger.

\* Slide 17: I believe it notes a 2 minute impact if Station 4 closes. However downtown station get to end of Walnut only 2 minutes slower than Station 4.

Vision: is a recognized fire service leader that strives to become the premier fire organization that honors the past, recognizes the challenges of the present and will continue to raise the bar of excellence.

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Name (PRINT): Rudgear Meadows Homeowners  
To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may want to include its phonetic spelling

Address: Service Area handled

City: by Fire Station #4

Phone: (South Walnut Creek)

I am speaking for:  Myself  
 Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Station #4 closure  
I wish to speak on Agenda Item #:

Date: 12/11/12

My comments will be:  General  
 For  
 ~~Other stations~~ Against

I wish to speak on the subject of:

Please see comments below

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Written comments ↓

December 11, 2012

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Total District Response  
Venngraph (see Fire Chief's handout)  
shows lower response numbers  
for Fire Stations 18 (Clyde) AND  
Fire Station 19 (Briones). These  
2 stations should be CLOSED  
before the Board of Supervisors  
considers closing Fire Station 4 (Walnut  
creek).

If you have handout materials, give them to the Clerk.  
Avoid repeating comments made by previous speakers.

The Chair may limit the time allocated to speakers so that all may be heard.

Thank you, Rudgear Meadows Homeowners

As a longtime resident and tax payer, I'm against the closure of fire station #4. This station provides a multitude of safety services to this small ~~the~~ community in South Walnut Creek. It also serves as a safe house and certain "neighborhood watch" type of implied security. Perhaps you may considering the following ideas:

- o implement "no overtime" policy.
- o layoff a few people - LAST OPTION
- o close the station 1-2 days per week.
- o ask City of Walnut Creek to subsidize funding to keep station #4 open.

Appreciate your support to keep our community safe.

Sincerely, Adele C. Ward