

March 11, 2019



CITY of SAN PABLO

City of New Directions

E-TRANSMITTAL/REGULAR MAIL

The Honorable John Gioia, Chair
Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors /
Contra Costa County Fire Protection District
Board of Directors
651 Pine Street, Room 107
Martinez, CA 94553

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR COUNTY BOS/CONFIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA ITEM D.6 – CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE NEW FIRE STATION 70 AT 1800 23RD STREET, SAN PABLO

Dear County BOS/CCCFPD Board of Directors:

On behalf of the City of San Pablo City Council, I urge your **full support** on agenda item D.6 scheduled for your review and approval at your next regular CCCFPD Board of Directors meeting scheduled on Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

BACKGROUND

First, I would like to commend CCCFPD (District) Fire Chief Jeff Carmen, and his project management team, in working collaboratively with City of San Pablo officials to bring this critically-needed public safety essential facility improvement to the City of San Pablo.

As you know, this project is long overdue; since 1993, the District has provided critical fire protection and basic/advanced life support (BLS/ALS) medical services in an aging, temporary FS #70 facility, consisting of outdated, and non-compliant modular structures for over 25 years. Therefore, it was imperative that this new FS#70 project be constructed to permanently replace this aging/temporary facility with a new, essential public safety facility for District fire personnel to meet increased service demands and delivery of fire protection and BLA/ALS medical support services in San Pablo, and the surrounding West County Service Area. With the demise of the former Doctor's Medical Center in 2015, FS #70 continues to play a critical and vital role in providing these critical emergency response services throughout the West County region.

CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL AND FUNDING ALLOCATED

On January 20, 2015, the San Pablo City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. #2015-016 to direct the City Manager to execute a 5-year agreement with the District to establish a new EMS Squad Unit at County Fire Station #70 in San Pablo. This 5-year agreement provides a total of \$6.6M in City funds over a 5-year period toward sustaining these critical BLS/ALS medical services in San Pablo, funded in perpetuity by local voters through the City's Measure K Sales Tax Measure adopted in June 2012, along with an

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annual contribution from the City's adopted 4-year Quadrennial General Fund Operating Budget. Additionally, following execution of the 5-year EMS agreement, the City Council also adopted a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on June 19, 2017 via Resolution #No. 2017-129 which formalized the City's funding commitment on the proposed construction of a new and permanent FS#70 facility on City-owned land located at 1800 23rd St., in San Pablo.

On Monday, March 4, 2019, the City Council received a final project presentation of the FS#70 project from District Staff, and officially appropriated a maximum total of \$4.5M (or 40% of the project cost) in one-time capital funds toward the FS#70 project in accordance with the adopted MOU as part of the City Council's Feasibility Review Action which was unanimously approved by the San Pablo City Council via Resolution #2019-030 (See Attachment).

Based on our recent history of City funding and support of FS#70 in San Pablo, we urge your immediate approval of this proposed construction contract for this project. In closing, the City is very fortunate for the inter-agency collaboration and partnership between the City of San Pablo and the County/District in bringing this project to fruition. Moreover, we appreciate County Supervisor John Gioia for his continued support of this project in San Pablo, located within District #1 boundaries.

Following your favorable review, the City urges your approval of the recommended lowest and responsive construction bid of \$9,778,000 to construct the new FS#70 project with Alten Construction, Inc. as recommended by District staff under Agenda Item D.6 per the posted March 12, 2019 County BOS/District Board agenda.

Any questions regarding this matter, please contact San Pablo City Manager Matt Rodriguez at (510) 215-3016, or email: mattr@sanpabloca.gov.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Rich Kinney, Mayor
City of San Pablo

Attachment: City of San Pablo City Council Resolution #2019-030

cc: County Supervisor BOS Offices
David Twa, Contra Costa County CAO

San Pablo Councilmembers
San Pablo City Manager Matt Rodriguez
San Pablo City Attorney Lynn Tracy Nerland
Jim Parrott, City Fire Services consultant

RESOLUTION 2019-030

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO DETERMINING THE FIRE STATION 70 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FEASIBLE UNDER THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING DATED JUNE 19, 2017 BY AND BETWEEN THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF SAN PABLO AND APPROPRIATING \$4.5 MILLION FROM GENERAL FUND DESIGNATED RESERVES – FIRE/EMS SERVICES FS#70 TO ACCOUNT CODE 100-1110-44000

WHEREAS, the City has long partnered with the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (the "District") to provide fire and emergency medical services ("EMS") for the City;

WHEREAS, Fire Station 70 crews had been operating out of a "temporary" modular building for many years, and with the addition of an EMS Squad, they no longer have adequate living space;

WHEREAS, both the City and the District desire to construct a new Fire Station 70 ("New Station 70") in the City with sufficient capacity to house the EMS Squad and other District personnel and apparatus;

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2017, the City entered into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the District for the funding and construction of the New Station 70 on City-owned land located at 1800 23rd St. ("1800 23rd Street");

WHEREAS, the City will acquire the current Fire Station 70 located at 13928 San Pablo Avenue ("Existing Station 70 Property") from the District in exchange for 1800 23rd Street where the District will construct the New Fire Station 70;

WHEREAS, the City will contribute forty percent (40%) of the District's cost of constructing the New Station 70 ("New Station 70"), up to a maximum of \$4.5 million;

WHEREAS, if the District no longer provides fire or emergency medical services within the boundaries of the City, or decides to sell the New Station 70, the City will have the right of first offer to purchase the New Station 70 for 40% of the fair market value determined by an independent appraiser;

WHEREAS, the District will be responsible for the design and construction of the New Station 70. Moreover, the District is also tasked to determine the feasibility of the project including CEQA compliance, environmental review, title review, project specifications, project budget, verification of bids and overall project feasibility;

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2019, the City received a letter from the District determining the Project to be feasible;

WHEREAS, the District has completed its due diligence on its lowest bidder and intends to award the construction contract at the County Board of Supervisors ("BOS") meeting on March 12, 2019;

WHEREAS, at the same meeting, the BOS will also make its feasibility determination required under the MOU;

WHEREAS, the total Project cost is \$13,000,000 and the City's financial contribution will be \$4,500,000;

WHEREAS, the proposed resolution will find the Project feasible and authorize the City Manager to execute necessary documents and carry out the City's obligations under the MOU; and

WHEREAS, the proposed resolution also appropriates \$4.5 million from General Fund Designated Reserves – Fire/EMS Services FS#70 to the Special Department Expenses account in the City Council budget (100-1110-44000).

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of San Pablo does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Determining the New Fire Station 70 Construction Project to be Feasible. The City Council hereby determines the New Fire Station 70 Project to be feasible in accordance with the terms set forth in the MOU and confirms the contribution of \$4.5 million to the project.

Section 3. City Manager Authorization. The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute documents and take such other actions as are necessary to carry out and implement the obligations of the City under the MOU, and, with the consent of the City Attorney, to approve minor, non-monetary amendments to the documents.

Section 4. Appropriation of Funds. The City Council hereby authorizes the appropriation of \$4.5 million from General Fund Designated Reserves – Fire/EMS Services FS #70 (100-0000-00000) to account code 100-1110-44000 in the City Council budget to fund the City's obligations under the MOU.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of March, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Pineda, Xavier, Pabon-Alvarado, Cruz and Kinney
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

ATTEST:



Patricia Ponce, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Rich Kinney, Mayor