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Bryan Scott, Brentwood, CA

Good afternoon members of the Board of Supervisors.

My name is Bryan Scott; I am a private citizen and resident of Brentwood, in eastern Contra Costa County.

I'd like to speak in favor of moving forward with the Phase 2 study of the annexation of East Contra Costa Fire Protection District (ECCFPD) into Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (ConFire).

The "Phase One: Financial Analysis-Fire District Annexation" report notes that should ConFire annex ECCFPD, it **"has the capacity, funding, and administrative support to successfully integrate ECCFPD operations into its organizational structure. The CCCFPD proposal will immediately fund the current service level and, within 12 months of the annexation, will fund two additional three-person companies and staff Station 55, a currently unstaffed fire station."**

The Phase One study also notes that **"CCCFPD will provide paramedic staffing beginning in year two."**

These service level improvements are sorely needed in East County, an area that comprises roughly 31% of Contra Costa County, and has, over the last thirty years, experienced the most dramatic growth in the County.

I would also like to point out that a 2016 Local Agency Formation Commission Municipal Services Review stated that the emergency services provided by ECCFPD were funded at a rate of \$94 per-person per-year, while fire districts in other parts of the County were funded at rates of \$449 and \$370 per-person per-year. ConFire was reported to be funded at the rate of \$149 per-person per-year.

As one might expect, the service levels in eastern Contra Costa County are the worst in the County, and response times exceed all industry goals and standards by a wide, wide margin.

Also, ECCFPD is unable to respond to emergency calls for significant periods of time each month. And it is unable to fight any structure fire at all, without at least six firefighters from neighboring fire districts assisting.

This situation endangers firefighters who are over-run with emergency calls, as well as the public, that suffers needlessly.

Please move forward with the study, and complete the annexation as quickly as possible.

Thank you.

-Bryan