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CITY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 16, 2024

N.1 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COMPARATIVE DEPLOYMENT AND ORGANIZATIONAL ANALYSIS PREPARED BY CITYGATE ASSOCIATES, LLC. OF THE REDONDO BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT AS COMPARED TO THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ORGANIZATIONAL ANALYSIS OF THE REDONDO BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT AND MASTER PLAN

DIRECTION ON NEXT STEPS (IF ANY) REGARDING THE REPORTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

CONTACT: PATRICK BUTLER, INTERIM FIRE CHIEF & HARBOR MASTER

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(Mayor and Council)**

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Original Request

As a resident of Redondo Beach for some 40 plus years I would like to add a comment for the City Council (April 16, 2024 meeting) regarding the proposal to take away our Redondo Beach fire department and become part of LA County fire. I believe we have had this discussion before and I, and many other residents opposed this plan previously. I still oppose the plan and believe that our community is better served by having our own private fire department. Previously the service was more expensive and really provided us with no additional benefits. At the very least you should allow the resident of Redondo Beach to vote on this change. Thank you.

Customer Communications *

From	Text	Date
auto notification	Auto Case Notification Created TO: [Redacted] Date: 04/16/2024 Subject: Your request (45423) has been received - City of Redondo Beach	04/16/2024 00:00

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Dear Sandra Fasen,

Thank you for your letter received on [04/16/2024] concerning Mayor & Council>Public Comment on Agenda Item. It has been assigned ID# 45423. Your correspondence has been routed to the City Clerk's office to be submitted to the City Council. If you should have any further questions please feel free to contact us again and refer to the identification number above, and the link below.

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From: [Kathy McLeod](#)
To: [Eleanor Manzano](#); [CityClerk](#)
Subject: Fire Station of Redondo -Blue Folder
Date: Sunday, April 14, 2024 5:28:44 PM

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I respectfully urge our City Council to do whatever you can to maintain our local Redondo Beach Fire Department.

Please look to the future in which we will have more needs for services and quick responses from our fire and police departments.

It's increasingly obvious that our local Fire Department is needed more now — than ever before.

Kathy & Jim McLeod

[REDACTED]
48-year Redondo residents

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Erika Snow Robinson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 12:55 PM
To: Paige Kaluderovic <Paige.Kaluderovic@redondo.org>; Scott Behrendt <Scott.Behrendt@redondo.org>; Todd Loewenstein <Todd.Loewenstein@redondo.org>; Zein Obagi <Zein.Obagi@redondo.org>; James Light <james.light@redondo.org>; Nils Nehrenheim <Nils.Nehrenheim@redondo.org>
Cc: Eleanor Manzano <Eleanor.Manzano@redondo.org>
Subject: KEEP Rbfd in local control and by/for Redondo residents

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RB City Council-

Shame on you Mr. Light and your compadres on the city council for continuing this farce about "possibly saving money by moving Rbfd over to LACoFD control." Like we the RB citizens don't know that LA mismanages everything and they are simply looking for ways to add to THEIR coffers.

The NEXT thing LA manages correctly will be the FIRST thing they manage correctly and it WON'T be Rbfd, if they get it.

What a joke, y'all thinking that the VERY FEW dollars that MIGHT be saved up front wouldn't be paid for OVER AND OVER again in the future by generations to come - either in actual physical or fiscal costs.

NILS shouldn't even get a vote or a say since he actually WORKS FOR LA COUNTY as a lifeguard. He should recuse himself and it's laughable to think what ALL OF YALL would've done had the situation been reversed and Christian or Laura or Paige actually had this type of conflict.

And OBAGI shouldn't get a vote or say either since he's already shown (and the court recognized) his inability to act with integrity. In fact, Obagi should do the decent and right thing and STEP DOWN from the city council since the judge literally found him guilty of moral turpitude and he just got suspended from practicing law for three years.

Straighten up and fly right and stop showing the world what clowns y'all actually are. VOTE NO on these "studies" going toward, or to keep the path open to, the possibility of making Rbfd turn into LACo Fire.

KEEP RBFd REDONDO.
KEEP RBFd UNDER OUR LOCAL CONTROL.

Erika Snow Robinson
RB District 2

[REDACTED]

From: Mariam Butler [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 10:11 AM
To: Zein Obagi <Zein.Obagi@redondo.org>; Paige Kaluderovic <Paige.Kaluderovic@redondo.org>; Scott Behrendt <Scott.Behrendt@redondo.org>; Nils Nehrenheim <Nils.Nehrenheim@redondo.org>; Todd Loewenstein <Todd.Loewenstein@redondo.org>; James Light <james.light@redondo.org>
Cc: Mike Witzansky <Mike.Witzansky@redondo.org>; Michael Webb <Michael.Webb@redondo.org>; Eleanor Manzano <Eleanor.Manzano@redondo.org>
Subject: KEEP REDONDO BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT LOCAL!

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Hello Everyone!

Now that the fire study has concluded, we can see that though short term there may be some cost savings due to cutting services, in the long term, this will be more expensive for Redondo Beach as there are no limitation to what county will charge us in the future for services. County has indeed passed increases to the various cities they represent over the years, so we know they have this precedence of increasing costs which the cities must absorb. Additionally, it's not a cost saving even short term if we are getting less services. Pay more to get less? Absolutely not. Based on this, we must keep our RBFDF local.

RBFDF provides excellent service to the residents. We benefit from having 100% of the care and attention of RBFDF. We will not have this benefit when we have to share LACountyFire with everyone else. LA County WILL NOT prioritize Redondo in case of a disaster.

Most of the calls RBFDF responds to are medical emergencies, not fires. They respond within moments, not minutes. This quick response time is the difference between life and death.

You have a moral responsibility to do what's best for the city. I can understand that some of you may feel beholden to the fire union for their support in various campaigns, but ultimately, you are only beholden to the residents you represent. With elections coming up in 2025, residents will be using their voting power to determine who will lead this city. If you vote to send our local fire department to County, there is no doubt that will be an act of political suicide.

We have 53 e-comments as of 9:40am on 4/16/2024 all opposing having our 100 year old Class 1 fire department going to County which is NOT Class 1. All of Redondo Beach from North to South is saying the same thing. I'm asking you do as the people demand and vote to KEEP OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT LOCAL.

Thank you!

Mariam P. Butler
District 4 Resident

From: [Barbara Epstein](#)
To: [CityClerk](#); [JAMES LIGHT](#); [Todd Loewenstein](#); [Nils Nehrenheim](#); [Zein Obagi](#); [Paige Kaluderovic](#); [Scott Behrendt](#); [Mike Witzansky](#); [Michael Webb](#)
Subject: N-1. Fire Department Changes
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 10:41:44 PM

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Dear City Leaders,

As to the analysis of the Fire Department changes, I should think our Fire Chief would be a good resource to consult. His depth of experience would add valuable input regarding the decision.

I'm looking forward to learning more about the pros and cons of partnering with the County. We lived with the County services in Palos Verdes for forty years with good results, but would be flexible.

The main thing I would be concerned about is that staffing considerations would be considered heavily in the decision. For example, I have been very impressed with our Paramedics. They were very professional when we had reason to call on them. I would like to give them consideration in having choices.

Thank You

Barbara Epstein

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: Carlene Prins [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 11:34 AM
To: Redondo PIO <RedondoPIO@redondo.org>
Subject: KEEP US CLOSE TO R FD!!! They saved my

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Life many times Instantly! Thank you RBF 🧡
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