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James Kyriaco  
City Councilmember, District 2  
City of Goleta

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**RESOLUTION NO. 23-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA EXPRESSING THE CITY'S DESIRE THAT THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA SHOULD AWARD THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO PROVIDE AMBULANCE AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY AND, BY EXTENSION, THE CITY OF GOLETA.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Goleta relies, through contract, on the Santa Barbara County Fire Department to provide fire, emergency, and lifesaving services to our residents, and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department has been providing critical lifesaving and emergency services to the residents of Santa Barbara County since 1926, and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department has saved countless lives through its nationally recognized paramedic program since 1973, and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department has 16 fire stations and 250 fire personal and paramedics providing ALS transport throughout Santa Barbara County, and

**WHEREAS**, serving the City of Goleta, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department has four fire stations, staffing four fire engines, one ladder truck and one ambulance that have provided excellent critical fire and emergency services since City incorporation in 2002, and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department has proven over the decades that they have the best tools and training to provide life saving measures for all Santa Barbara County residents, and

**WHEREAS**, while the Santa Barbara County Fire Department currently provides ambulance services to various communities in Santa Barbara County, if given the opportunity to provide ambulance service countywide, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department and its associated city and special fire districts will have the ability to comprehensively operate its 37 fire stations and over 470 firefighters to improve response time efficiencies and cost savings in strategic alignment to Santa Barbara County resident needs, and

Resolution No. 23-07, Expressing the City's Desire that the County of Santa Barbara Should Award the Santa Barbara County Fire Department the County's Emergency Medical Services Contract to Provide Ambulance and Associated Services to the Residents of Santa Barbara County and, By Extension, the City of Goleta

**WHEREAS**, Fire Chiefs throughout Santa Barbara County declare that assignment of ground ambulance service to the Santa Barbara County Fire Department aligns well with the County's values: Accountability, Customer Focus, Equity & Inclusion, Innovation, Trust & Ethics, and

**WHEREAS**, should the Santa Barbara County Fire Department operate ambulatory and fire related services, they will create a Community Advisory Group – consisting of first response providers, labor representatives, educational institutions, hospitals and receiving facilities, mental health providers, substance abuse providers – that provides community members and stakeholders an opportunity to have input into our Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system, and

**WHEREAS**, and being a public sector agency every bit of the profit that is generated from the ambulance contract the Santa Barbara County Fire Department would reinvest into the communities, through proactive preventative measures such as Community Paramedicine and Alternative Ambulatory Destination to address urgent challenges like mental health, substance abuse, and our un-housed community members, and

**WHEREAS**, while the Santa Barbara County Fire Department is operationally and fiscally responsible to Santa Barbara County taxpayers and the Board of Supervisors, it is a not-for-profit entity and such a merger of fire and ambulatory services will provide better financial accountability and transparency to our communities and policy makers, and

**WHEREAS**, through a comprehensive approach to ambulatory and fire management, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department will provide more available ambulances county wide, better ambulance on scene times, higher compliance percentage, and increased unit hours to increase the number of ambulances available throughout the entire county, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Goleta hereby finds and determines as follows:

**SECTION 1.**

- A. The City of Goleta supports better services through a more comprehensive, transparent and accountable approach to EMS and thus strongly desires that the County of Santa Barbara award Santa Barbara County Fire Department the EMS contract to provide ambulance and associated services to the City of Goleta.

**SECTION 2. Certification by City Clerk**

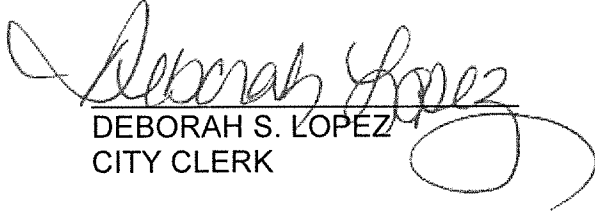
City Clerk shall certify as to the adoption of this resolution and enter it into the original book of resolutions.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2023.



PAULA PEROTTE  
MAYOR

ATTEST:



DEBORAH S. LOPEZ  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



MEGAN GARIBALDI  
CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA    ) ss.  
CITY OF GOLETA                 )

I, DEBORAH S. LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 23-07 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2023 by the following roll call vote of the City Council:

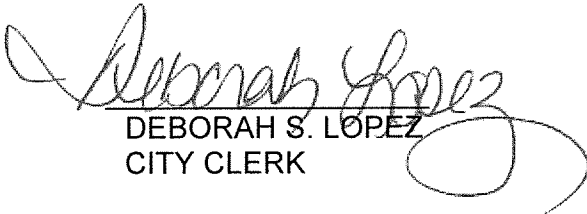
AYES:                   MAYOR PEROTTE, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE RICHARDS,  
                              COUNCILMEMBERS KYRIACO AND REYES-MARTÍN

NOES:                   COUNCILMEMBER KASDIN

ABSENT:                NONE

ABSTENTIONS:        NONE

(SEAL)

  
DEBORAH S. LOPEZ  
CITY CLERK