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Dear Supervisors,

There has not been much information on this matter shared with the community. Those that I have spoken to either do not know it's happening or are happy that there will finally be 'no charges for ambulance rides from AMR'. This is untrue. I believe that the County Fire wants this contract is due to recent changes in Medicare law that actually allow them to charge MORE than AMR. I feel like there needs to be a lot more transparency with this as it is going to affect our community for years to come. I question whether County Fire is prepared for what they are asking for - aside from purchasing the 35 ambulances. AMR has serviced our community for 40+ years and have a very good relationship with Cottage Hospital. In fact, the hospital administrators want to keep AMR on. AMR also scored higher than County Fire - what is the point in testing these agencies if the scores don't matter in the end.

I truly hope that you take everything into consideration when making this decision - our fate is in your hands.

Sincerely,  
valerie aroyan