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FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

In association with the California Fire Chiefs Association

September 27, 2019



Steve Lavagnino, Chair
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara CA, 93101

Re: Public Safety Dispatch Separation

Chair Lavagnino and Board Members,

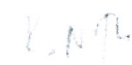
The Santa Barbara County Fire Chiefs respectfully request that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors direct staff to focus planning efforts on the expansion of the existing Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to accommodate the Regional Fire/EMS Communications Facility.

The Santa Barbara County Fire Chiefs continue to support a Regional Fire/EMS Dispatch Center that will provide our communities quicker response times, borderless emergency response, and redundant infrastructure that will meet the needs of Santa Barbara County during critical emergencies.


This centralized center supports the State's initiative to improve emergency communication procedures by quickly responding to any person calling 911 for fire, medical, rescue, or other emergency services. The Regional Fire/EMS Dispatch Center will also elevate our level of care and delivery of service to the public by providing Emergency Medical Dispatching capabilities for anyone calling into the center.

The Santa Barbara County Fire Chief's Association members are committed to achieving what many other communities and jurisdictions across California are already doing. We are encouraged by the support and attention that the Supervisors have given toward this effort.

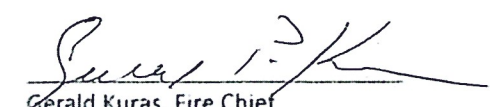
Respectfully,



Kevin Taylor, Fire Chief
Montecito Fire Department



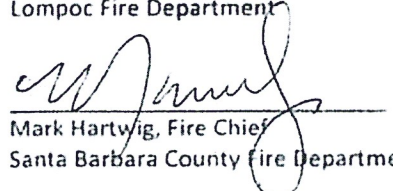
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