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To: Council Member Riddell

Regarding: The City Council Agenda, Item # 14 Goals and Objectives FY 2020/2021 Priorities.

Councilmember Riddell,

You have always fought for public safety. You understand that it is the Cities uppermost responsibility and its highest priority. The City has faced budget shortfalls in the past and will again in the future. The current three Paramedic Engine staffing model is already below the industry standard for overall public and firefighter safety. Before you render a decision to cut public safety, I challenge you to think creatively and dig deeper. There are multiple ways to shore up the city's budget shortfall rather than closing fire station # 2 or reducing the services provided there to Paramedic only model.

I can think of several ways to accomplish this.

Short term options (one or combination of all).

- 1 Exhaust reserves.
- 2 Rather than budgeting fire and paramedic budgets at 100% positions at top step salary and full benefits. Budget these items nearer to actual spending of 75%.
- 3 Postpone hiring the Battalion Chief position for the City.
- 4 Reduce overtime spending, rolling brownout.

Mid-term.

Take the issue back to the voters. Address the concerns of the citizenry regarding Measure E and its failures.

Long term.

Take a proactive approach for planning and incorporating fire and paramedic standards and levels of service meeting the demands or an ever-growing City.

I am willing to assist the City in anyway appropriate. I exhaustively supported and advocated for Measure E. I believe passionately in public safety not only as a former firefighter and Fire Chief in Yucaipa but as a user.

Thank you for your consideration;

Steven Shaw
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