

CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES



Fire Chief Anthony C. Marrone
Los Angeles County Fire Department
1320 N. Eastern Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90063

April 1, 2025

**RE: Contract Between the CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF
LOS ANGELES**

Dear Fire Chief Marrone,

I am writing this letter pursuant to the above-referenced agreement between the LA County Fire Department and the City of Palos Verdes Estates (PVE), whereby Fire Station 2 is housed in a city-owned complex. During the past few years, various studies have been conducted addressing several issues surrounding this complex, including but not limited to seismic, water intrusion, etc. In addition, the facility is not secure, especially when on emergency calls, lacks ADA compliance nor does it accommodate female bathing, lockers, toilets, etc.

It is our understanding that the current facility will not allow the current "state-of-art" paramedic unit that provides a crew cab for a 3rd member or ride-along. In addition, Chief Kane has mentioned the desire to have a Type III brush firefighting apparatus that could be housed in the apparatus bay of a new station that could serve the entire Peninsula and surrounding communities.

The above-referenced agreement outlines the shared responsibility both entities have regarding a renovated and/or new fire station. I would like to request you and your department's support to commence preliminary discussions on possible options that might be jointly explored. The city has a vacant parcel of land (adjacent to the existing building) that could potentially accommodate a "Public Safety" building housing both an expanded fire station and quarters for the PVE Police Department. If this parcel were to be utilized, it could accommodate a strategy whereby a replacement building could be constructed without disrupting the current status quo.

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It is my understanding that the recent "parcel tax", County Measure E, which passed on November 5, 2024, cannot be used to offset the City's annual fee; however, revenue generated by this measure can be used for priorities within the city of PVE that may include:

- Hiring, training, and certifying additional firefighters and paramedics,
- Communications and technology systems, including replacement, upgrade and maintenance,
- Facilities, including additional, replacement, and maintenance/repair of facilities utilized by the district,
- Wildfire protection and
- Emergency response tools and infrastructure.

I have enjoyed the limited time I have been able to work with Assistant Chief Brian Kane. He recently provided an update to our Council and residents and did an excellent job! He not only provided a comparison of the fire risks between the Pacific Palisades and Palos Verdes Peninsula, he discussed various Peninsula preparedness efforts. We thank you and the Department!

Recognizing that achieving a goal such as a "new and/or renovated facility" takes years to accomplish, we would like to commence the discussions now before we have an untenable situation. I look forward to your response and the opportunity to work with you and your colleagues.

Sincerely,



Kerry Kallman
City Manager

Cc: Marcia Velasquez
Brian Kane
Thomas Brown