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John Doan
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555 Israel Road SW
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Mr. Doan,

As Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners for Lacey Fire District 3 I have been asked to inform you of our Board's unanimous decision to decline participation on a planning committee for a Regional Fire Authority as outlined in the Tumwater Regionalization Study published by ESCI in 2019.

While we fully support efforts to more effectively collaborate with all our partner agencies, our careful review and deliberation of the findings in the ESCI Study do not offer any apparent enhancements to service delivery or positive impacts to associated costs for our citizens and taxpayers. To the contrary, the initially published fiscal analysis and subsequent more detailed review with the consultant outline anticipated increased costs to our citizens without any clear statement regarding added value.

Again, we support the City of Tumwater's efforts to identify more effective and efficient methods for delivering fire and emergency medical services to your citizens. To that end, we fully support any assistance that Chief Brooks may be able to provide in his role as the President of the Thurston County Fire Chiefs as you pursue your options. Should any additional information or alternatives regarding methods for collaboration be identified in the future, then our Board stands ready to review and discuss those options.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this regional evaluation of fire and emergency medical services and let us know if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,


Gene Dobry, Board Chairman

Cc: Steve Brooks, Fire Chief