



**CITY OF SAN DIEGO
COUNCILMEMBER MARTI EMERALD, DISTRICT NINE
COUNCILMEMBER MYRTLE COLE, DISTRICT FOUR**

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DATE: August 15, 2013

Reference: M-13-08-03

TO: Walt Ekard, Interim Chief Operating Officer
Tony Heinrichs, Director, Public Works Department
James Nagelvoort, Assistant Director, Public Works Department

FROM: Councilmembers Marti Emerald and Myrtle Cole

SUBJECT: Critical Public Safety Projects Recommended for Deferred Capital
Bond Number Three

The 2011 Fire Service Standards of Response Coverage Deployment Study (Citygate Report) for the City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department identified critical sites, that if built, would improve service and address delayed emergency response times. The top five, in priority order are Home Avenue, Paradise Hills, College, Skyline, and Encanto. All five are within our Council Districts.

We respectfully request that you include the following projects in Deferred Capital Bond Number Three so that the City can provide safe neighborhoods for our residents. The projects listed below meet that criterion by addressing vital Fire-Rescue facilities.

Home Avenue Fire Station

Total project cost: \$11.73 million
Design and planning - approximate cost of \$750,000.
Land acquisition and construction - estimated at \$8 million
Full staffing, operations and maintenance costs \$2.2 million
Fire engine - \$780,000

Skyline Fire Station

Total project cost: \$9.15 million
Location: 7180 Skyline Drive. Land acquisition was completed in FY10.
Operating Budget Impact: Once built, the operation of the Skyline North Fire Station will require additional positions equivalent to approximately \$1.9 million per year. Non-personnel costs to operate a new station are approximately \$300,000. A new fire engine will also need to be purchased for a cost of \$800,000. These funds will need to be added permanently to the Fire-Rescue operating budget after the project is complete.

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As members of the City Council's Public Safety Committee, and as the representatives for these critical areas, we must act quickly to build the necessary infrastructure and immediately address existing service deficiencies.

Thank you for your consideration.

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cc: Honorable Mayor Bob Filner
Honorable Members of the City Council
Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst