



January 9, 2020

Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District  
217 Arlington Avenue  
Kensington, CA 94707

Dear KPPCSD Directors and General Manager Constantouros:

**Request from the KFPD Board to the KPPCSD Board to form a 2x2 joint committee to hold publicly noticed meetings concerning the future housing of the Kensington Police and Fire Departments**

Almost a year ago, the Kensington Property Owners Association urged both our boards to form a joint committee and to meet publicly to try to craft solutions to the problems that confront us regarding the future homes of the Police and Fire Departments and their staffs.

Because the KPPCSD Board did not allow any investigation of building a new, joint-purpose Public Safety Building (PSB) in Kensington Park (which they own on behalf of Kensington residents), the KFPD saw no choice but to elect to try to renovate the existing PSB at 217 Arlington (which they similarly own). It is not yet clear from KFPD's architects how much space can be available for various functions, but we expect the necessary footprints of both units to expand based on new building codes, Federal and County requirements, and best practices.

KPPCSD Directors have repeatedly voiced their commitment to a full working Police facility in Kensington, regardless of how the force and its staff are employed (independent, full contract out, or hybrid model). The KFPD Board feels that the financial and logistic resources of both districts are owned by our citizens, and our obligation is to deliver the best facilities possible with the optimal use of tax dollars. But the condition of the PSB is poor and our employees who live and work there are endangered, so time is of the essence.

We invite you to form with us a 2x2 joint committee to hold publicly noticed meetings, as developing circumstances dictate, to address the future housing of the Fire and Police departments and the best ways to fund these projects, beginning in February 2020. We ask that you put this item for action on your February 2020 agenda. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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