Letter from Ken Hunt, City Manager, City of Fontana Dated October 22, 2007

Attachment 5

October 22, 2007

Ms. Kathleen Rollings-McDonald
Executive Director, LAFCO
215 North D Street, Suite 204
San Bernardino, CA 92415

Dear Ms. Rollings-McDonald,

I want to convey to you the City's concern regarding the action passed last week by the Board of Supervisors to require the City / District to construct and operate Fire Station 80 within 3 years. The City's concerns are as follows:

- To date, Fire Station 80 has been a County project, designed and managed by the County. To make the City financially responsible for a County project in which the City has had no staff participation in the design and cost containment of would be inappropriate.
- The City does not know what the facility will cost and therefore does not know whether there will be sufficient resources within the proposed District for completion of the project.
- Operations costs for the District will be determined through negotiations with the County for fire services. Our ability to build Station 80 is driven by the County's application of fire services costs.

For these reasons, the City just does not know whether and/or when the District would be able to afford this project, and accordingly, cannot agree to the condition. With that being said, the City would commit to construct Station 80 based on one of the following:

- Allow the City the flexibility to construct Station 80 based on the District's financial ability to do so, given the re-construction of Station 71 as the first priority.
- The County providing the $2.8M currently budgeted by the County RDA towards the construction of Station 80;
- The County eliminating the Administrative Overhead / Contract Management charge in the Contract for Services for a 2 year period;
- Use County resources to construct Station 80 and then have the District repay the County contribution when District resources are available.

Lastly, the City requests that the County agree to impose, as a condition of approval for any new development within the area to be served by Station 80, that all such new development be annexed into the existing County CFD in the Speedway area.

Respectfully,

Kenneth R. Hunt
City Manager