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With the Alameda County EMS System Redesign Task Force work well underway, we wanted to take the time to communicate to you as the Co-Chairs of the Task Force. We understand that it is still early in this process and are fully aware of the work left to be done. Despite this, one of the themes we have consistently heard from the labor groups is the desire to analyze a JPA amongst all Fire Service agencies served by the current EOA. As a united labor front, we believe that this could set the system up for long term success.

A newly formed JPA would bring unity to the overall Fire Service on our mission to provide exceptional service to the communities we serve. This JPA would provide security to the existing workforce that are working for their 3rd employer in less than 10 years. We need to come together and be progressive in our actions to provide the best service in the most fiscally responsible manner possible. We believe a JPA with a representative governing body would bring transparency to the EMS system and result in higher focus on EMS issues and budget needs by our respective elected bodies.

We collectively are aware of the time and effort required to analyze and establish a JPA and are committed to this goal to better serve our communities. It is with that understanding that we respectfully request you to consider focusing the EMS System Redesign Task Force for the analysis and potential implementation of a JPA in preparation for a subsequent proposal to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. We sign this letter in unity and with these signatures we are committing our respective organizations to assist with the work to get this completed for our residents and businesses.



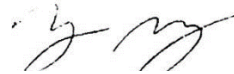
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