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Subject: Dissolution and Merger Discussion 5/19
Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 4:32:30 PM

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Dear MOFD Directors,

Our group represents approximately 300 active members (and an untold number of supporters) throughout Moraga, focused on good governance and fiscal responsibility.

We write to express our strong opposition to any further discussion or attempt by MOFD to dissolve and merge with Confire. As we noted in a recent article following a significant amount of time reviewing MOFD financials and operating performance, national ISO rankings, MOFD board minutes, MOFD audits, and lengthy discussions with a wide variety of community leaders, **we find no legitimate reason nor bonafide rationale that supports even a preliminary exploration of a dissolution or merger with Confire.**

MOFD's founding principles were to provide high levels of customized service to Moraga and Orinda residents, seeing that Moraga and Orinda fire-related taxes are reinvested locally, and ensuring local control over its fire and ambulance resources. We believe each Director must uphold these core principles (among others) to fulfill their fiduciary responsibilities - particularly the duty of loyalty - as stewards of the organization in which Moraga and Orinda has invested tens of millions of dollars (not to mention the incredible amount of time by volunteers well beyond the significance ones including but not limited to Rescue One and CERT).

We urge the Board to dispense with any further discussion or consideration of dissolution or merger, dismissing the notion as wholly inconsistent with MOFD founding principles and core values and not reflective of resident best interests.

Thank you.

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Subject: Sanders Ranch HOA Letter re: Opposing MOFD/Confire Merger Exploration
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Attachments: [SRHOA MOFD Merger Opposition Letter Final.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Members of the MOFD Board and Chief Winnacker,

Attached please find a letter from the Sanders Ranch Homeowners Association related to your upcoming 5/19 agenda item on the exploration of an MOFD/Confire merger.

At its special meeting last evening, **the Board unanimously agreed that - on behalf of its 273 homeowners and 21 HOA-owned parcels – it is OPPOSED to this endeavor.**

Please also distribute/include this as public comment in any agenda packets and materials.

Thank you,

Brent Meyers

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[cc: Moraga Town Council & Town Manager, Sanders Ranch HOA Board of Directors]



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May 11, 2021

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Re: **OPPOSITION TO STUDY OF MOFD/CONFIRE MERGER**

Dear President Jorgens and Members of the Board:

We understand that an agenda item and associated discussion of financial forecasts and process overview for a potential MOFD/Confire merger will occur at your May 19 Board meeting.

As you may be aware, Sanders Ranch HOA is the second-largest HOA in Moraga consisting of 273 single family detached homes and 21 HOA-owned parcels. Beyond its excellent, customary firefighting and ambulance services, our HOA has benefitted repeatedly from the Chief's and Fire Marshal's customized presentations and best-practice advice to make our community as fire safe as possible. In addition, we have benefited from MOFD's exemplary response to two sizable open space fires in as many years, neither of which resulted in any structure losses or injuries.

Quite simply, we believe these levels of service and associated outcomes are a direct result of our local investment in MOFD, and would not be possible without the local control and focused services that are specifically tailored to Sanders Ranch and the broader Moraga and Orinda communities.

We therefore OPPOSE the exploration of a potential merger with Confire, and ask that MOFD resources (including the time and cost of further exploring any consolidation) continue to be spent on the high-quality fire safety, firefighting and emergency response services we have invested in and enjoyed for decades.

Thank you for your consideration,

/s/ BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SANDERS RANCH HOA 

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