



Town of Moraga

TOWN COUNCIL

May 19, 2025

Board of Directors
Moraga-Orinda Fire District
1280 Moraga Way
Moraga, CA 94556

Re: May 21, 2025 MOFD Board Meeting Agenda Items 6.3 (Long Range Financial Forecast) & 6.4 (Proposed Annual FY 2025-2026 Operating Budget) – Support to maintain funding of 24-hour per day ambulance service at Moraga Fire Station 41

Dear Honorable Board Chair and Members of the Board of Directors,

As unanimously approved by Moraga Town Council at its meeting of May 14, 2025, the purpose of this letter is to strongly urge the MOFD Board of Directors to approve full funding of the 24-hour per day ambulance service at Moraga Fire Station 41, as recommended in both agenda items 6.3 (Long Range Financial Forecast) and 6.4 (Proposed Annual FY 2025-2026 Operating Budget). The Moraga Town Council concurs that maintaining dedicated 24/7 local MOFD ambulance service from Moraga Fire Station 41 is in the community's best interest for multiple reasons, including the following:

- The original and continuing basis to maintain an independent fire district (MOFD) was/is to provide high-quality firefighting and ambulance services throughout the district. Shifting to part-time ambulance coverage for Moraga is inconsistent with this intent.
- The ability to quickly and timely transport Moraga patients to out of area hospitals 24/7 is critical. Any delay due to the loss of 24-hour ambulance presence in Moraga will be a determining factor between life and death for certain patients.
- A notable percentage of MOFD residents live in the southern and more remote areas of the MOFD service area (along with residents in southern Orinda and the unincorporated community of Canyon) which will inherently increase travel time to out of the area hospitals.
- Moraga has at-risk populations, including elderly residents living independently, multiple assisted living facilities, and students, faculty, and visitors to Saint Mary's College which is located far away from Fire Station 45 in Orinda.

As a result, the Moraga Town Council respectfully requests that the MOFD Board of Directors support the recommendation of your Fire Chief to fully fund ambulance service at Moraga Fire Station 41.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve Woehleke
Mayor

c: Moraga Town Council
Moraga Town Manager