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Clark County Fire District 6
Board of Fire Commissioners
8800 NE Hazel Dell Avenue
Vancouver, Washington 98665

Dear Board Members:

At your 2017 preliminary budget hearing held on November 1st, the District provided citizens with information on the preliminary 2017 budget. From that information, it was estimated that the District would have a revenue surplus of approximately 1.5 million dollars in fund 6212 [Fire Suppression] for 2016. After careful review of the information provided, as well as the actual revenue and expenditures year to date for 2016, we estimate that the revenue surplus will be considerably larger- totaling nearly 2.4 million dollars.

As you consider taking action on the proposed budget for 2017, you have to ask yourselves if the District truly has a "substantial need" for an increase to the 2016 budget. As property owners within the District, the answer seems very obvious to us. With current year revenues greatly exceeding estimated expenditures, no increase to the property tax revenue can be justified. We are certain that if other taxpayers in the community educated themselves on the current year revenues and expenditures they would agree.

In addition, the Board should enact policy that gives the citizens of Fire District 6 a minimum of twenty-one (21) days advanced notice of the Budget hearing, as well as provide copies of the current year-to-date budget performance report and preliminary budget being considered. This would give citizens enough time and detailed information prior to the hearing so they can address the Board on specific concerns they may have.

We hope you will carefully consider both of these positions prior to taking action.

We unfortunately are unable to attend your meeting scheduled for November 15th, as we will be out of the country. We ask that the content of this letter be entered into the record of the meeting under Citizen Communication.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Holly and Jim Harrington", written in a cursive style.

Jim and Holly Harrington

Property owned: 8303 NE 28th Court