



San José Fire Department

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April 15, 2024

County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors
Hon. Susan Ellenberg, Board President
c/o Clerk of the Board
70 West Hedding Street - 1st Floor
San José, CA 95110

RE: April 16, 2024 Board of Supervisors Meeting Item #19 (24-5550): 911 Emergency Ambulance Services Contract Extension

Dear Supervisor Ellenberg,

I write in support of the Administration's recommendation to extend the agreement between the County of Santa Clara and Rural/Metro of California (AMR) for a term of 18 months.

911 Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance unavailability has resulted in a serious and persistent strain on communities and first responder fire agencies in the County. It is my hope that this 18-month period will be utilized effectively to identify and implement EMS system reforms that will ensure prompt and reliable high quality pre-hospital emergency medical care and 911 ambulance transport to all County residents.

I am confident that Santa Clara County's EMS system can become one of the finest in the nation. SJFD is eager to take part in the effort to achieve this for our County.

Respectfully,

Robert Sapien, Jr.

Cc: Sylvia Arenas, District 1 Supervisor
Cindy Chavez, District 2 Supervisor
Otto Lee, District 3 Supervisor
S. Joseph Simitian, District 4 Supervisor
James R. Williams, County Executive