

Untitled

Commission Meeting

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Comments:

My name is Dr. Richard Davis and I have lived in the San Pedro Creek Estates subdivision in the Southeast corner of Sandoval County since 2002.

I URGENTLY REQUEST THAT THE COMMISSIONERS TABLE ANY DISCUSSION OF ITEM 9. A. (Request for Motion to Approve Intergovernmental agreement between Bernalillo County and Sandoval County for Fire and EMS services in the La Madera area of the county) at the May 21, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Sandoval County Board of Commissioners.

I am making this request because -

1. the residents of the service area affected by this agreement only learned about the proposed agreement and agenda item on VERY SHORT NOTICE,
2. NO SUBSTANTIAL JUSTIFICATION for the proposed change has been provided, and
3. there has BEEN NO ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITY to prepare and present the community's concerns to the Commission.

Based on the little information now available, it appears that this agreement would be a NET LOSS TO OUR COMMUNITY because in the future the community would only be serviced by the Bernalillo County Fire Department (BCFD) whereas

1. TODAY THE COMMUNITY ALREADY RECEIVES SUPPORT FROM BCFD under a Mutual Support Agreement with the long-established Sandoval County La Madera Fire District Station (LMFDS),
2. the LMFDS IS CENTRALLY LOCATED WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA (closer than the nearest BCFD station), and
3. the volunteers at the LMFDS are residents of the service area and are well acquainted with the neighborhood and neighbors.

In summary, MORE TIME IS NEEDED for a thorough and open review of the justification for the proposed agreement to remove the volunteer support from the LMFDS.