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Rob Silano, President
Menlo Park Fire Protection District Board
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SUBJECT: ATHERTON FIRE SERVICES FISCAL REVIEW

Dear Rob:

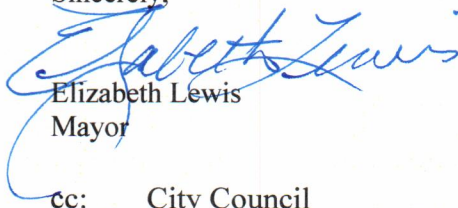
At our meeting on Tuesday, October 4 during my regularly scheduled Mayor's Office Hours at Town Hall, you asked me if I was getting all of the information that I want. I responded that there were just two basic questions that we would like to have answered regarding the Town of Atherton's Fire Services Fiscal Review, and that the Fire District has answered one of them just recently. Very simply, the Town is looking for two basic information components – **revenues and expenses** – as they relate solely to the provision of fire services and emergency response in the Town of Atherton. Thank you for your commitment to help us by providing information to the Atherton City Council regarding the Town of Atherton's Fire Services Fiscal Review.

For **revenue**, the question is: What revenue does the Fire District receive from Atherton residents via property taxes in support of fire services? The Fire District has recently provided us with an analysis by Tax Rate Area for Atherton. Thank you for the detailed analysis. It is very helpful, and I think this question has been answered.

The **expense** question is: What is the Fire District's cost for providing basic fire protection and emergency response services within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Town of Atherton? The Town is looking for a summary of costs for basic fire protection and emergency response for the Town of Atherton from the Fire District as well as the cost of any additional specialized services or programs applicable to the Town of Atherton - such as hazardous material response, CERT programs, urban search and resource programs, fire prevention, sharps drop off, disaster preparedness, etc. Perhaps in addition, a summary of the number of Atherton-specific service calls for services? This **expense** question has not been fully answered.

Thank you Rob for your commitment to work with me as Mayor and for working to provide us the requested information. I hope this clarifies what the Town is looking for as it conducts its Fire Services Fiscal Review.

Sincerely,


Elizabeth Lewis
Mayor

cc: City Council