



GROSSMONT-MT. HELIX IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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County Supervisor Dianne Jacob
County Administration Center
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San Diego, CA 92101

Sent Via email to: Dianne.Jacob@sdcounty.ca.gov

Regarding: San Miguel Fire and Rescue District – Station 21

Dear County Supervisor Jacob:

The Grossmont-Mt. Helix Improvement Association (GMIA) has been advised that the San Miguel Fire and Rescue District and the Mt. Helix Park Foundation are meeting with you this Wednesday for your assistance in the resolution of the terms of the lease agreement for Station 21. Fire Station 21 is located on 10105 Vivera Drive, La Mesa and lies at the heart of the Mt. Helix Community.

It is our understanding that GMIA was instrumental in bringing about the construction of Fire Station 21 in 1955 to ensure critical response time for a fire or rescue. It is our belief that this station must remain active at its present location to provide adequate and timely protection for our community. Potential impacts of closing the station may result in delayed response times in emergency services and impact on home insurance rates due to the lack of timely response. Our narrow and winding roads would impact and limit response times from stations in outer areas. GMIA strongly encourages these parties to come to a lease agreement and Fire Station 21 continue to remain open.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If we can be of any help please contact me at kchedberg@cox.net or 619.994.6900.

Respectfully,

Kathleen Hedberg, PE, MPH
President

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