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AGENDA ITEM 12C

**ADOPT RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022
OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET AND
SALARY RESOLUTIONS FOR 2021-2022**

Antoinette Mann

From: Kim Eastman [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 9:29 PM
To: Doug Halter
Cc: Council
Subject: -EXT- Fwd: Budget

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Kim Eastman [REDACTED]
Date: June 13, 2021 at 4:25:02 PM PDT
To: dhalter@cityofventura.ca.gov
Subject: Budget

Council member Halter,

Hello, My name is Kim Eastman. I live on Brent Street in district two.

I am contacting you directly to discuss the current happenings with Ventura City Fire and what seems the councils lack of concern for our city's current situation and a situation that has been going on for years and just gets progressively worse. I thought that after the devastation of the Thomas fire and the lack of resources the city would finally recognize the need to improve the safety of our community but sadly it appears to be a case of out of site out of mind. I'm not only concerned as a citizen who lives here but as a wife to one of the city's Firemen. My husband has worked tirelessly for the city since 2011, over these 10 years I have seen my husband come home more times than not exhausted due to no sleep, up all night running multiple calls, 96 hour shifts due to extensive overtime. He risks his life everyday for the citizens of Ventura. My husband loves his job and what he does. He often gives his time freely when off shift to support his department and fire family. This is not only true for my husband but for the whole department. If council would agree to at a min. to make Engine 7 a 24 hour Engine, that would alleviate the mass number of calls per station as there would be one more resource to assist in the call volume.

Regarding the resources and the protection of our community. In Ventura there has been a great amount of growth. We now have a dense community in the harbor due to the Portside development, the addition of the large complex off Sanjon, the condos under construction on Thompson, Construction on Thompson and the Avenue, the new development on N. Ventura Avenue, the mass amount of new housing in district 6, the proposed housing on Channel. I'm sure the list goes on. With all this construction come people, people who deserve to be properly protected and feel safe in their community. The stations are already inundated with calls, long response time. This is only getting worse. It baffles me that we are concerned with trees, sidewalks, art, upgraded IT systems etc. but safety is not a priority. Believe me, I know sidewalks are needed but protection is needed more, trees would be great but if there is another fire they will be gone. I think you get my point

Since the horrible tragedy that could have been avoided at Aloha the police department is finally getting a lot of what they need, what's it going to take to give the fire department a small piece of what they need. Apparently the Thomas fire, the long response time putting life's at risk isn't enough.

Please don't think for a minute that I'm the only concerned citizen of Ventura that feels this way and I find that very sad and unacceptable. Ventura is a beautiful quirky city and it should be protected properly.

I know the city's concern is that the fire department does not create revenue but a city unprotected could deter people from living there or visiting and that does affect revenue.

As much as I dislike the cameras at our stop lights, those bring revenue to our city and this is something you are willing to discontinue, again baffled.

I could go on for days, your Citizens have spoken on a number of occasions and you ignore them. I'm hoping my small communication resonates with someone.

I hope to receive a response to my email so that I can at least see you took time to hear my concerns.

Thank you for your time,

Kim Eastman

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Antoinette Mann

From: John Harrison [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 9:04 PM
To: Council
Subject: -EXT- Fire Department Budget

I have lived in Ventura since 1990 and love this town. When I read in Nextdoor that the city's fire department is understaffed and that some money might be lost if not used to build a much needed new fire station, I was shocked.

You cannot allow this opportunity to build a new fire station to pass. We need up to date equipment, engines and enough staff. For God's sake, there's a fire at Lake Casitas right now! With climate change and hotter temperatures predicted, we must properly fund our fire stations and fire fighters. PLEASE!!!

John Harrison
[REDACTED]

"Politics without principles, Education without character, Science without humanity, and Commerce without morality are not only useless, but also positively dangerous." -- Sathya Sai Baba

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Antoinette Mann

From: Harvey Weinberg [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 5:05 PM
To: Council; Sofia Rubalcava
Subject: -EXT- Fire department budget

I am writing to ask you to FULLY fund the fire department. With the hot weather coming and getting hotter every year it is more important than ever that we have a well funded and staffed fire department.

Thank you for your consideration on this very important funding.

Harvey Weinberg, [REDACTED] Ventura CA 93001 Homeowner since 2008 Sent from my iPhone

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Tracy Oehler

From: Antoinette Mann
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 8:32 AM
To: Tracy Oehler
Subject: Fwd: -EXT- Fire department budget

Antoinette Mann
City Clerk

From: Susan Loughman [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 7:15:59 AM
To: Council <council@cityofventura.ca.gov>
Subject: -EXT- Fire department budget

Good morning. I am definitely in favor of adding another fire station! It's so important to have the stations fully staffed and not overtire and overburden our firefighters. They've always been there for us. We were involved in the Thomas fire and they saved our home! We lost three neighbors homes and all three sides of us each side and one behind us, our fence and our trees but they stayed up all night and saved our home and we're very grateful for that! Another fire station to help our community would be wonderful, and more firefighters available for each station to make sure that Our firefighters are not exhausted during the fire season when they need to leave and fight fires in other counties. Thank you so much for considering this. Susan and Ed Loughman we are locals, Ed was born and raised in Ventura. I have lived here 46 years, my two adult children are raising their families in Ventura. Thanks again Ed and Susan

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