

Cyndie Martel

From: Rebecca Hussain <rahussain@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 12:03 PM
To: CouncilAll
Cc: Monie Hussain
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSITION to the Fire Engine Sale

Importance: High

Dear Ross Town Council,

I am writing as a deeply concerned resident to strongly urge the Council to postpone any decision to sell the Ross fire engine at the July 10 meeting.

This proposed sale is not just premature—it is fundamentally at odds with the expressed will and ongoing efforts of the community. A formal ballot initiative is currently underway to determine the future of our local firehouse. Selling the engine before voters have the opportunity to weigh in would not only preempt the democratic process, but also erode public trust in our local government.

Over \$50,000 has already been raised by residents who believe in preserving local fire services. This level of engagement and financial commitment signals clear community support—and a desire for a voice in decisions that affect our safety and resilience.

At a time when fire insurance is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain in California, especially in high-risk areas like ours, the decision to weaken local emergency capabilities for marginal short-term savings is not just short-sighted—it is irresponsible. Ross is a community with both the resources and the obligation to prioritize emergency preparedness and public safety.

It is difficult to understand why the sale of critical equipment is even being considered before the public process is complete. The engine should be retained until voters have spoken and the future of our firehouse is determined. Doing otherwise sends a message that public input is secondary to expediency.

I respectfully but firmly ask you to delay this decision. Please stand with your constituents and allow the democratic process to unfold. Our safety, trust, and civic integrity depend on it.

Sincerely,

Rebecca & Monie Hussain

44 Chestnut Ave