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From: Rob Hale <d.robert.hale@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 8, 2026 10:43 AM
To: CouncilAll
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fire station

Dear Town Council members,

I am a Ross Resident living at 1 Skyland Way. Thank you for your service to the Town.

I am writing firmly in support of the Town Council taking all possible steps to maintain a dedicated fire station and emergency services located in the Town of Ross.

My family and I chose to live in Ross based on a belief that we would have access to all of the best that Marin has to offer - a great community, great schools, great public services, a beautiful, safe place to live.

I am disappointed that the Town Council made the decision to close the Ross Fire Department. As a matter of common sense it is obvious that Ross residents should have our own fire department and emergency services and the Town Council should have pushed in the first place to find a way to maintain the status quo. I say it is a matter of common sense because of the following:

- We were able to support a dedicated fire department for the past 50+ years
- We have stability in the number of households and town population
- The ability of medical care to save lives in emergent situations based on timely interventions has substantially increased over time
- The risk of fire in Marin has substantially increased over time
- Ross property values have generally increased relative to inflation
- Ross average household incomes have increased relative to inflation

It seems that a combination of faulty consultant inputs, penny wise pound foolish prioritization and a desire to collaborate with our neighboring communities overrode common sense on the Town Council at the time the decision was made to close the Firehouse.

Fortunately, the current Town Council has the opportunity to correct the mistake. The Friends of Ross Firehouse have invested substantial resources into analysis that makes a clear cut case that the Council should revisit the decision to shut the firehouse. Their arguments are logical and well supported. I would greatly appreciate if you would follow their direction as I am firmly convinced it is in the interest of all Ross town residents.

Sincerely,

Rob Hale