

**4/25/17 AGENDA, PUBLIC HEARING - ANNEXATION OF THE HERMOSA BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT INTO THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
SUPPLEMENTAL LETTER SUBMITTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM MICHAEL CLEMENS ON  
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**To:** City Council <[citycouncil@hermosabch.org](mailto:citycouncil@hermosabch.org)>

**Subject:** Hermosa Beach Fire Dept Future

I am respectfully submitting this opinion to all members of the City Council based on my 31 year residency in the City of Hermosa Beach and my 35 year career in the Los Angeles County Fire Department. I am urging all members of the Council to responsibly vote to contract with the Los Angeles County Fire Department for emergency services. Our local firefighters have done an amazing job doing more with less for far too long. It is extremely expensive and futile to try and manage a one station fire department in today's ever changing world that requires more training and services every day. In the early 1900's, it was prudent and responsible to have your own fire department as you could not trust anyone else would show up in times of emergency. Those days are long gone. The LACOFD has been in the business of supplying world class emergency service for close to 100 years and now contracts with the majority of municipalities in the County. Sharing the cost of expensive, specialized resources allows for access to the best while lowering the cost. And the County has virtually endless resources. Our firefighters and our city deserve to have that. And I can tell you from experience that the transition will be seamless and home town attentiveness will be at least as good as it has been if not better. LACOFD firefighters instantly become part of the community. They will be involved with all aspects of the City and it's residents. Just look at our lifeguard service which is second to none, supplied by Los Angeles County Fire Department. Need I say more?

Please vote responsibly and put an end to our withering emergency service and replace it with world class fire and paramedic services. If you truly want to be remembered for doing one of the greatest things for our City that a council person could do, this is surely it.

Respectfully,

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