



Attention: City Manager, City Council Members

RE: Urgent Action - District 9 Basic Life Support (BLS) Ambulance at First Station 12

I understand that due to a current staffing shortage of Basic Life Support (BLS) Ambulance Operators, the Fire Department will rotate personnel at the two part-time units of Stations 12 and 13.

As a resident of North Long Beach District 9, this is viewed again as our communities again takes a hit on services where the rest of the city maintains all of these services.

As you know we waited a very long time for our station and related services. We need not always be shorted for services as compared to the remainder of the city.

I understand there are other considerations to be explored as a solution to the shortage of ambulance operators. We urge you to explore these alternatives as opposed to taking our station out of service. In addition, there needs to be A long-term plan to ensure the staffing shortage like this doesn't happen in the future. Plus, inform the community on a frequent basis of the plan to restore BLS Units 12 and 13 as soon as possible.

Has considerations been given to creating a pipeline into the Fire Academy using a student-to-staff model to encourage people to fill Basic Life Support Ambulance operator positions or a long-term agreement with a private company that remains on stand-by during future shortages?

Thank you for providing a workable solution that does not require North Long Beach to be shorted of these services and an ongoing method of keeping the community informed.

Thank you.

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