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City Council to Host Tuesday Study Session

To Present Findings on Efficiency of Fire Services in Union City

The City Council is holding a study session to receive the findings of a recent analysis conducted on fire service efficiency in Union City and to seek direction from the City Council on amendments to the City's contract with the Alameda County Fire Department that may result in the closure of Fire Station 30 located on the Union City/Fremont border. The study session will be held on Tuesday, July 16 at 6:00 PM at the City Council Chambers located at 34009 Alvarado Niles Road.

The City contracted with the Center for Public Safety Management (CPSM) in October 2018 after the City Council's Fiscal Stability Committee directed staff to study and evaluate the delivery of fire services in Union City with the goal of determining ways to reduce the rising cost of the fire services contract while balancing service demands.

The purpose of Tuesday night's study session is to present the results of the analysis conducted by CPSM. The staff report was published Thursday night, July 11, and includes CPSM's findings and recommendations.

The major finding in the report determined that Fire Station 30 is not needed to serve Union City residents. Fire Station 30 is located at 35000 Eastin Court. As a result of preliminary analysis that was provided to the City in April about the finding, the City conducted a public survey to assess community attitudes about closing a fire station. A high-level chart indicating the results of that survey is attached to the City's staff report.

In addition to the CPSM report, the Alameda County Fire Department is preparing testimony about a 2017 study that was conducted by CityGate Associates, LLC to review the adequacy of current fire station resource deployment system for areas served by the Alameda County Fire Department, the risks to be protected, and the emergency incident outcomes desired by the community. The CityGate Associates, LLC report is also attached to the City's staff report for reference.

The City Council can determine a direction to City staff regarding the findings and recommendations of the CPSM report at Tuesday's study session. The public is encouraged to learn more by reading the City's staff report and associated attachments at:

<https://unioncity.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/CoverSheet.aspx?ItemID=2234&MeetingID=353>



How can the public provide feedback?

1. Attend the City Council meeting on Tuesday, July 16 at 6:00 PM at 34009 Alvarado Niles Road.
2. Share your comments on our online form at <https://www.unioncity.org/FormCenter/Community-Feedback-8/Share-Your-Thoughts-With-Us-46>
3. Write a letter to the City Manager's Office at 34009 Alvarado Niles, Road, Union City, CA, 94587.

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