



Dear Fellow Resident,

The City Council recently voted to close Fire Station 30 operated by the Alameda County Fire Department, which is located on Eastin Court at the border of Union City and Fremont.

An independent analysis by a team of nationally-renowned public safety experts found that Fire Station 30 is handling on average just over one call a day for emergency fire and medical response to Union City residents at a cost of \$3.2 million per year.

We take living within our means seriously at City Hall. We've been very open with you and the Alameda County Fire Department about our challenging financial situation. The City has carried out spending cuts of over \$2 million, which has left the Union City Police Department reduced down to a minimum of four police officers patrolling our entire city during many shifts. In addition, the City is carrying out reductions to library and community center hours and park maintenance, such as mowing the lawns and cleaning up garbage at our parks. All options have been on the table as we exercise fiscal responsibility, including dipping into our city savings account to balance our costs.

The City Council did not take this action lightly. The facts are clear that Fire Station 30 is simply not needed. Our three remaining fire stations can (and have before Station 30 was built), without question, provide the right level of service to the entire community.

We've been asking the Alameda County Fire Department to offer solutions on how to cut back on the high cost of providing emergency fire and medical response. Instead, they come back each year with cost increases, which equates to a 40% increase since we first began a business partnership with them in 2010/2011, and a projected increase of 62% by 2024. We simply can no longer justify this when code enforcement, park maintenance, and police patrols have all been reduced to levels significantly below standard.

You may hear misinformation being spread about why this decision was made or arguing against the facts of our independent analysis. **We know our community has questions about the decision and we are committed to answering all of your questions one by one.**

Please go to www.unioncity.org/firestation30 to learn more about this decision and opportunities to engage with us on the matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Carol Dutra-Vernaci'.

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI
Mayor
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the mayor

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