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Amendment to Condition of Approval LDC24-00045, Santerra Quilici Properties

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Resubmitting Ken's written comment that was submitted to Planning Commission.

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Subject: Amendment to Condition of Approval LDC21-00017, Santerra Quilici Properties

Dear Planning Commissioners,

The proposal from the Reno Fire Department to delete the requirement for a temporary residential fire station in the Verdi area and instead require the Santerra-Quilici developer to contribute \$300,000 towards the purchase of a fire truck is, at best, questionable. If the Reno Fire Department wants to change this condition of approval, then the Reno Fire Department should also be honest with the residents of Northwest Reno that there is no viable funding plan to build and/or staff a temporary or, eventually, a permanent fire station in the Verdi area.

The proposal from the Reno Fire Department says staffing a two-man crew **may** create a hardship that is dependent on the City budget and finances. Why change anything until the Reno Fire Department and the Reno Finance Department can definitely state staffing a two-man unit will create a hardship on the City Budget.

It is hard to believe that new and existing development in the Verdi area does not provide enough funds to staff a fire station. The City should provide figures to show how much money new development in Verdi will generate to fund fire protection services. There is currently no data publicly available, that I could find, from the Reno Fire Department or the Reno Finance Department showing a lack of funding for a "fire ambulance" to be housed and manned in a temporary residential fire station.

In a response to another concerned citizen's recent questions, the Reno Fire Department is stating previously estimated response times from Station 11 (at MaeAnne and Sharlands/Somersett Parkway) of 12-14 minutes to Verdi were not accurate. The Fire Department is currently stating a response time to the Santerra-Quilici project from Station 11 is within 9 minutes. That is a significant change from the previous estimated response times. It does not seem possible that the new estimated response time for all areas of the Santerra-Quilici project from Station 11 is within 9 minutes. Without data presented for the calculation of these response times, any of the reported response times provided by the Reno Fire Department should be questioned. Response times are important, and the Fire

Department should not be giving out response times that are without any data to show how these response times were calculated.

Station 19 in Somersett (Hawk Meadow Trail and Somersett Parkway) is currently staffed with a fire engine and crew of four. In 2025, the City will lose federal grant funding for 6 of the 12 firefighters assigned to Station 19. It does not take much guess work to speculate the fire ambulance being requested by the Fire Department will most likely be assigned to Station 19 when Station 19 is likely reduced to a medical response unit once the grant funding is lost for 6 of the 12 firefighters at Station 19.

There are ways for the Fire Department to fund and staff a Reno Fire Station in the Verdi area. Unfortunately there appears to be a lack of motivation on the part of the Reno Fire Department to creatively come up with a workable plan to build and staff a fire station in the Verdi area.

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Dear Council Members,

Years ago, when we lived in Southern California we lived in County Area. We knew there were downsides, such as lack of public services; we were in San Bernardino County - America's largest county. We even started a Citizen's Patrol to help mitigate the lack of police services.

That was a big advantage to living within the city limits - more responsive emergency services. Obviously that is not an advantage to living within the City of Reno city limits.

By amending this condition of approval, the residents in the urban sprawl area of Reno will not have access to prompt emergency medical services. This project was approved with this condition included, and the Reno Fire Department has had plenty of time - and still has plenty of time - to include this in their budget. If Reno cannot provide timely emergency medical services, the project should not have been approved.

Thanks for your consideration.

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