

Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District

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Peter Brundage, Executive Officer Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission 1112 | Street, Suite #100 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Brundage:

Subject: SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT MUNICIPAL SERVICES REVIEW AND APPLICATION FOR SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AMENDMENT

The purpose of this letter is to submit the draft Municipal Services Review (MSR) for the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District (Metro Fire) and an application for a Sphere of Influence (SOI) amendment of Metro Fire to include the service area of the Natomas Fire Protection District (NFPD).

The addition of the NFPD area into Metro Fire's SOI will be beneficial to existing and future residents in Natomas, Metro Fire's existing service area, as well as adjacent communities. The annexation of the NFPD area will also result in better service for portions of the City of Sacramento (Greenbriar and North Natomas) and Sutter and Placer Counties (Sutter Pointe, Placer Vineyards) through automatic aid as well as further contribute to the regionalization of Sacramento County fire protection services.

Metro Fire is the logical choice to serve the Natomas area, it can do so in the most cost-effective and efficient manner without diminishing or detracting from fire protection in its existing service area. Metro Fire is physically accessible to the area, contiguous and bordering it along much of its eastern boundary. It has the necessary resources, equipment and personnel, and is fiscally sound. It has a long history of growing and expanding the service area through well thought-out and planned annexations and mergers. Its Board is experienced and stable, and its fire personnel are professional and well-trained. The NFPD area should have services provided by an organization with an elected Board of Directors to ensure accountability and so that citizens have direct access.

The residents and property-owners in Natomas deserve the best possible fire protection provided by an organization that is built on integrity, professionalism, teamwork, and service before self. Metro Fire is this agency, and with a history of growth and expansion for the benefit of the public, Metro Fire is the best possible choice for the NFPD service area.

Sincerely,

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