

Alameda County Mayors' Conference

RESOLUTION No. 2024-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE EXPRESSING ITS DESIRE THAT THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA AWARD THE ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO PROVIDE AMBULANCE AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES WITHIN THE COUNTY'S EXCLUSIVE OPERATING AREA (EOA)

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Fire Department has been providing critical lifesaving and emergency services to the residents of Alameda County since 1993, and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Fire Department has saved countless lives through its nationally recognized paramedic program since its inception, and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Fire Department has 27 fire stations and 355 fire personnel and paramedics providing Advance Life Support treatment throughout unincorporated Alameda County, in multiple cities and national laboratories by contract, and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Fire Department currently provides paramedic ambulance services to the Lawrence Livermore and Sandia National Laboratories, and

WHEREAS, Fire Chiefs throughout Alameda County declare that assignment of ground ambulance service to the Alameda County Fire Department aligns well with the County's values of Integrity, Honesty, Respect, Transparency, Fiscal Stewardship, Customer Service and Excellence, and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Fire Department will work to pair patients with the appropriate type and level of service in innovative ways to ensure the best possible patient outcomes, and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Fire Department will provide healthcare professionals by phone at the 911-call center, will provide alternative response units to lower acuity calls and will provide emergent paramedic ambulance response to acute calls for service, and

WHEREAS, while the Alameda County Fire Department is operationally and fiscally responsible to Alameda County taxpayers and the Board of Supervisors, it is a

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not-for-profit entity and such a merger of fire and ambulance services will provide better financial accountability and transparency to our communities and policymakers, and revenue above operating costs will be invested into improving patient outcomes rather than shareholders.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AND DECLARE THE FOLLOWING:

SECTION 1: The Alameda County Mayors' Conference supports better services through a more comprehensive, transparent, and accountable approach to EMS and thus strongly desires that the County of Alameda award the Alameda County Fire Department the EMS contract to provide 911-ambulance and associated services within its EOA.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Alameda County Mayors' Conference at its October 9, 2024, meeting.

I, Steven Bocian, Executive Director of the Alameda County Mayors' Conference, certify that the Alameda County Mayors' Conference adopted the foregoing resolution at its meeting held on October 9, 2024, by the following vote.

AYES: Mayors Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Alameda, John Miki, Albany, Jesse Arrguin, Berkeley, Michael McCorriston, Dublin, Courtney Welch, Emeryville, Mark Salinas, Hayward, Michael Hannon, Newark, Juan Gonzalez, San Leandro, Carol Dutra-Vernaci, Union City, and Vice Mayor Betsy Smegal Anderson, Piedmont.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Lily Mei, Fremont, Sheng Thao, Oakland, Karla Brown, Pleasanton, and John Marchand, Livermore.

ABSTENTION: None