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**Sent:** Thursday, March 6, 2025 10:07 PM  
**To:** CouncilAll  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Ross Fire Station - March 13, 2025 Agenda Item  
**Attachments:** TOWN COUNCIL LETTER ED DONG 030821.pdf; Herbst letter Agenda Item 11 Ross Fire Station.pdf; Keep the Fire Station Letter 3-9-21-Conrow.pdf

Dear Ross Town Council Member,

I wanted to personally deliver several letters that I and a concerned group of citizens put together in 2021 regarding the fire station closure. I appreciate you taking the time to review the attached three letters.

- The first letter is from Edward Dong. Ed explains the construction budget estimates that Town Council relied upon in 2021 were double what they should have been, and urged Town Council to seek other more cost-effective bids. Ed has been in the commercial construction business for over 50 years.
- The second letter is from Bob Herbst. Bob also has been in the commercial construction business for decades and has significant experience with CEQA; concurs that the Town's budget estimates were double what they should be; and is concerned the project as envisioned will violate CEQA due to the site being listed on the California Historic Registry.
- The third letter, submitted by me and my husband, emphasize the importance of speed to containing a fire or responding to a medical emergency. The 9:40 minute call-to-arrive time cited in the Citygate report is far too late to effectively respond to an emergency situation.

All these points raised in 2021 are still valid today. With the increase in wild fires, insurance companies cancelling home insurance coverage, and after Citygate released its Ambulance study in November 2024, we, now more than ever, believe it is imperative for Ross to have its own manned fire station, and are concerned that critical life-saving care will be denied to our community if the fire station closes. I hope that after reviewing the data, you will agree that the decision to close the fire station was a mistake. It is not too late to change course and rebuild our fire station.

Thank you for your time and consideration to this important matter to our community.

Sincerely,  
Laura Conrow  
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