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FM: Henry A Martinez Chula Vista Resident

To: Chula Vista City Council Member Mike Diaz

Good Evening,

Please consider my input for any future City Council meetings that will have this Chula Vista Fire Fighters fair contract topic concern within the agenda.

My input provided below:

Chula Vista Firefighters deserve a fair contract. They have been on the front lines during the COVID-19 pandemic, and they are the first link in our healthcare system. They continue to risk their lives protecting and serving our citizens in a city with some of the county's highest infection rates.

Chula Vista firefighters have also spent months away from their families fighting some of California state history's most massive fires. Our Chula Vista Firefighters have been fighting these mega-fires all while simultaneously trying to maintain their safety from a pandemic. These are unprecedented times, and what an incredibly challenging and difficult time for our firefighters. All of this is occurring while the call volume has been exploding back here at home. Our firefighters are busier and are facing more dangers than ever before.

Lastly, our Chula Vista Firefighters should be equals in public safety. They risk their lives every single day and should be treated with dignity and respect. I fully support equity in public safety. The value of a firefighter's life in the City of Chula Vista should never be less than others in public safety. I strongly urge you to support our Chula Vista Firefighters with a fair contract commensurate with their difficult work. Our firefighters deserve better than this.

Sincerely,
Henry A Martinez
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