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Dear Commissioners:

My wife and I have been associated with the Albion Little River Fire Protection District (ALRFPD) since becoming full time residents of the community in 2011 following our part-time status since 2004. My wife was a Volunteer Firefighter and First Responder before retiring at the end of 2021. She was also a member of the Board of Directors. I am now in my 13th year as a Volunteer Firefighter and First Responder. Although well past retirement age, I feel that as long as I'm useful, I have a duty to support my local community as best I can. Over that period of time, the ALRFPD has made great strides in procuring and utilizing state of the art equipment. However, we have never had a fully functional firehouse to house this equipment and to provide for effective training programs.

With approval of the CDP for the new centrally located ALRFPD firehouse, our firefighters will have a fully up to date and functional firehouse from which to quickly respond, benefiting homeowners in quicker response rates and equitable insurance premiums. The firehouse would also provide improved community outreach opportunities. Community preparedness activities have grown slowly and a new training facility would greatly enhance opportunities for increased education and participation.

Three community outreach meetings were held for the new fire station prior to submission of the CDP. There was overwhelming support for the new fire station project. We strongly support the approval of the CDP for the ALRFD new firehouse.

Thank you,

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