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Re: LAH CFD Fire Commission Vacancy – Letter of Interest

Dear Board Members:

I am a resident of Los Altos Hills and am applying to fill the seat on the LAH CFD Fire Commission vacated by Commissioner Wu.

I retired from my legal practice (patent litigation) on December 31, 2018 to spend more time volunteering with organizations focused on responding to local (town, county, and state) emergencies and disasters. To that end, I am a member of the CFD's CERT and the town's ECC. I am also a member of the Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue team and am an American Red Cross (Silicon Valley Chapter) disaster response volunteer.

My interest in fire-related issues is personal, living as we do in the wildland urban interface. That interest goes back to August 2011, when we invited the local fire stations to use the house that we were demolishing on Moody Road for training. The significance of access, defensive space, and training was immediately apparent. That significance was driven home last fall by my deployment with the SO's SAR team to the Camp fire recovery operations (as well as my deployments to the Carr, Mendocino Complex and Camp fires with the Red Cross). Earlier this month, I gave a short presentation to the LAH ECC about my Camp fire SAR deployment. I am happy to share the presentation with the commission.

My 33 years of experience as an attorney in private practice, my demonstrated interest in dedicating my time and effort to support our community's emergency response efforts, and my specific interest in WUI fire issues will benefit the Commission and LAH.

Thank you for your consideration.

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