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Subject: Concerned that FDAC Dissolution Will Leave Residents Without Representation in CSA 48 / CSA 4 Reorganization Process

Message: Dear Fire Dept. Advisory Commission,

It appears that on August 27, the County Board of Supervisors will potentially vote to dissolve your Commission within 31 days after approval of Item #11.

http://santacruzcountyca.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=2071

I am very concerned that if the FDAC is so quickly dissolved, there will be no liaison between the Board, County Staff, CALFIRE and LAFCO as the proposed CSA 48 /CSA 4 reorganization plan proceeds.

This plan was presented to and approved by the Santa Cruz County LAFCO on August 7 (Item 6b), along with the AP Triton Fire Agency Feasibility Plan, but as of this writing, has yet to be publicly presented to the Board of Supervisors.

https://santacruzlafco.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/0.0-Aug-2024-Agenda_Hyperlinked.pdf

While I realize that the Board may already have taken action before your scheduled September 18 meeting, I am concerned that this will detrimentally remove representation of residents during the reorganization process.

Was this discussed at all at your July 17, 2024 FDAC meeting? Unfortunately, I could not attend that meeting, but saw nothing regarding either the eminent dissolution of your Commission or the LAFCO proposal on that meeting agenda.

Please place this item on your September 18 Commission agenda...which could be the final meeting of the FDAC, depending on the Board's action August 27 with Item #11.

Sincerely,
Becky Steinbruner