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February 28, 2019

Deputy Chief Rick Zombeck  
Alameda Fire Department  
2401 Encinal Avenue  
Alameda, CA 94501

Dear Captain Zombeck,

Thank you for coming to the Downtown Alameda Business Association Board meeting on February 27 to discuss the Fire Department's plan to hire a Fire Marshall and to update the Department's fee structure in order to improve overall inspections and safety checks of residential and commercial properties. You led a very compelling discussion that informed us of how the Fire Department operates and answered many of our questions regarding the safety and inspection process.

After you left the meeting, the Board voted to support the Department's plan to increase fees. We agreed that this plan to create greater inspection capability by the Fire Department will be an important step to improve the level of service by creating a reasonable fee structure. It will also create a mechanism to better enforce business licensing and ensure the safe operation of city businesses.

While we support the fee increase, we request that the hiring process will go through the appropriate budget and staffing procedures laid out by City Council.

We believe that these actions are important for the long-term safety of the City of Alameda and we appreciate your continued efforts to keep our city safe.

With gratitude for all you do for the Downtown District,

Janet Magleby  
Executive Director  
Downtown Alameda Business Association

## LARA WEISIGER

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**From:** Edmond Rodriguez  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 05, 2019 3:08 PM  
**To:** Dave Rudat; LARA WEISIGER  
**Subject:** Support for Tonight's Council Meeting

**Importance:** High

Dave and Lara,

Please share this message with the Council with regard to item No. 6C tonight. We have not received there letter yet.

**From:** Janet-Downtown Alameda [<mailto:janet@downtownalameda.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2019 11:35 AM  
**To:** Rick Zombeck <[RZOMBECK@alamedaca.gov](mailto:RZOMBECK@alamedaca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: out meeting yesterday

Thanks for your time yesterday and your follow-up email. I appreciate the efforts greatly.

Our board is happy to support your proposed fee structure and asked me to write a letter of support to City Council.

Here's Donna's contact information:

Donna Layburn  
Alameda Marketplace  
[donna@alamedanaturalgrocery.com](mailto:donna@alamedanaturalgrocery.com)

Thanks,

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**From:** Dave Rudat  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2019 12:33 PM  
**To:** Edmond Rodriguez; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; CityCouncil-List  
**Cc:** LARA WEISIGER  
**Subject:** RE: March 5th Council Item

I have included the City Council and the City Clerk in my acknowledgement of your request. Thank you for reaching out to these key stakeholders.

Dave

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**From:** Edmond Rodriguez  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2019 11:30 AM  
**To:** Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft <MEzzyAshcraft@alamedaca.gov>; Dave Rudat <DRudat@alamedaca.gov>  
**Subject:** March 5th Council Item

Mayor and Dave,

Mayor, at your request, we made presentations on the March 5<sup>th</sup> proposed fire prevention fee increases and the funding for the Fire Marshal position to the Alameda Chamber of Commerce, DABA, WABA and GABA and they indicated to Chief Zombeck their unanimous approval of these proposals and that they would be sending a letter of recommendation that these be adopted by the Council.

Dave, can you please let the remainder of the Council know?

Thank you!

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