

**Attachment 4: Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association Letter of Support**



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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Humboldt  
825 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Supervisors,

On behalf of the Humboldt County Fire Chief's Association (HCFCFA), I would like to thank County and Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) staff for the time and effort put forth in the development of this recommended strategy, in conjunction with the participation and input from Supervisors Fennell and Wilson. We appreciate the ability to be involved in the process of developing a well thought out, comprehensive strategy, to the Board of Supervisors.

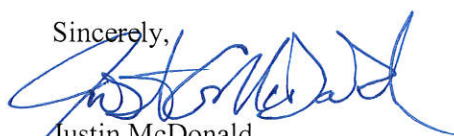
HCFCFA understands that the cumulative impact of sharing County General Funds with the fire service will need to be considered and evaluated as the proposed strategy is implemented and other General Fund revenue requests are prepared. We would also like to recognize and reiterate that any funds that are allocated from the County General Fund will augment other funding sources secured by fire related districts, to help sustain fire services and departments. Our overall objective is to maintain revenue sharing agreements that support the sustainability of county services while ensuring that fire service agencies maintain a competent level of service and are capable of complying with national standards all the while, continuing to working together to ensure that these highly vulnerable county areas are brought into the boundaries of a fire related district.

Additionally, HCFCFA pledges to act as a clearinghouse for future fire service funding requests submitted to the county; continue to work with our strategic plan for efficient, effective and sustainable services; and represent and guide the local fire service to develop viable solutions that meet the needs of the communities we represent.

At our February 27, 2019 association meeting, the HCFCFA and the agencies we represent, voted to support the draft recommendation being submitted to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors. We recognize our agencies will need to establish or update our revenue sources, pursue reorganization or consolidation efforts, work with the County and LAFCo staff to identify areas of annexation and endeavor to continue planning for sustainable fire and rescue service delivery systems. In addition, the HCFCFA appointed Chiefs Justin McDonald, Lon Winburn, Mike Lake, and Sean Robertson as their representatives to continue working on this issue with County and LAFCo representatives.

On behalf of Chief Winburn, Chief Lake, Chief Robertson and myself, I thank you for allowing our input and participation in this process.

Sincerely,



Justin McDonald  
President - HCFCFA