

Mike Van Bibber

April 17, 2023

Mayor and City Council  
City of Yucaipa  
34272 Yucaipa Blvd.  
Yucaipa, CA 92399

Subject: Serrano Estates Project

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I am writing about the Serrano Estates Project.

Based on my decades of experience in preventing and fighting wildfires (see my attached resumé), the development proposal you are considering tonight has the potential to interfere with successful implementation of your current evacuation plan in the event of a wildfire and/or otherwise acceptable evacuation times by increasing the number of people (both residents and commercial visitors) in the area covered by the proposal. Clustering the density of development within the proposal area also has the potential to interfere with the plan's successful implementation and to slow evacuation times. You should thoroughly examine these potential problems and establish mitigation measures before approving the proposal.

Furthermore, the dedicated senior residential units pose a particular additional risk that should be examined and adequately mitigated. It is often the case that senior citizens do not have the same access to vehicles that younger residents have, they are not as comfortable driving at night, it takes them longer to gather their belongings (especially when they have a lot of medicines) when an evacuation order is given, and it takes more personnel and more vehicles to evacuate them if they cannot evacuate themselves. Thus, getting seniors out of harm's way often takes longer and more resources, and plans must be developed to take their unique situation and needs into account so that they can be evacuated as safely as others in an affected area.

Thank you for considering my input on the proposal.

Sincerely,

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## Resumé

### Experience

#### **Patriot General Engineering, Lakeside CA**

**2020 - Present Fire Chief**

Manage and Coordinate the Fire Division. Provide leadership, training to a firefighting staff of nearly fifty firefighters. Serve as a liaison to the owners of the company and promote working relations both internally and externally to the clients we serve.

#### **Julian Cuyamaca Fire Protection District, Julian, CA**

**1984 – 2019**

**Fire Chief (2018 – 2019)**

**Fire Battalion Chief (2013 – 2018)**

**Fire Captain (2005 – 2013)**

**Firefighter (1984 – 2005)**

Promoted to handle increasingly responsible positions, culminating in supervisory duty for staff of 60 employees. Held key accountability for policy and procedure enforcement, emergency responses, station expenditures, facility and equipment inspection, personnel training, performance evaluations, and regulatory documentation and filing.

#### **Carlsbad Fire Department, Carlsbad, CA**

**1989 – 2014**

**Fire Engineer (1990 – 2014) Acting Fire Captain**

**(20 Years) Firefighter (1989 – 1990)**

Promoted to the position of Fire Engineer with the responsibility to drive, maintain and operate fire apparatus. Truck company certified in all positions, as well as heavy rescue certified. Responsible for knowing the role of a Fire Captain and serve in that capacity when required. Academy instructor, public education specialist and juvenile fire setter interventionist.

#### **Derotic Emergency Equipment Sales and Services, El Dorado Hills**

**Sales Representative (2013 – 2022)**

Assigned to the position of Sales Representative of the Distributor DEE, covering the areas of San Diego and Imperial counties. Representing HME-Ahrens Fox, 911 Emergency Vehicles, Excellence Ambulance and Seagrave

#### **California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection / CALFIRE, San Diego, CA**

**1986 – 1988**

Provide fire and emergency services while protecting and preserving California's valuable natural resources

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Orange County Fire Authority, (Paid Call) Yorba Linda, CA  
1984 – 1988

Fire Engineer (1985 – 1988)

Firefighter (1984 – 1985)

Fire Explorer (1981 – 1984)

Promoted to the position of Fire Engineer providing fire and medical services

### Education & Training

Santa Ana College, Santa Ana, CA. Fire Science Rio  
Hondo College, Whittier, CA. Fire Academy Miramar  
College, San Diego, CA. Fire Science Palomar College,  
San Marcos, Ca. Fire Science  
Southwestern College, Chula Vista, CA. Fire Science/General Ed.

### Professional Certifications

- Fire Officer
- Crew boss
- Fire Instructor 1
- Confined Space
- Swift Water Rescue
- Heavy Rescue
- RTC Supervisors Academy
- EMT
- Sexual Harassment for Supervisors
- State of Ca. Small Water Systems Operator
- CA Class B Driver's License
- CA. Salesperson License
- Engine Boss
- Strike team Leader
- Fire Fighter II
- Rescue Systems I-II
- Trench
- Aircraft Rescue Firefighter  
L-180,280 and 380
- American Heart Assoc. CPR
- Ethical leadership
- ICS-100,200,300,700, 800  
S-212, 215,290
- Fire Investigator