

October 10, 2022
Agenda Item 6

Honorable Mayor Salimi, Vice-Mayor Murphy, Councilor Tave, Councilor Toms and Councilor Martinez-Rubin:

As longtime residents of Pinole who have literally “grown old” in our Pinole Valley home, we believe your decision on Agenda item 6 will be the most important decision you make as an elected official. It is not merely a financial decision but a decision that impacts the very lives and safety of our community.

The City Council has circled the drain on this idea for many years. There have been several studies and reports. The conclusions have always been the same, do it if you can afford it. Recently the City engaged in budget talks and the prioritization of Capital Improvement Projects.

A council member or two stated that our City is “Flush”.

That was stated as a reason given for allocating \$400, 000+ to the restoration of the Faria House.

When weighing the needs of this city against the wants of this city, there can be no argument that Public Safety is at the top of the list.

Public Safety, Police and Fire are the costliest services Cities provide.

But they are the most important of services residents and prospective new residents consider when relocating.

Safety and Security, it is what Pinole has offered us and many others for decades.

Now, as we enter our golden years, it is an important aspect of our lives in Pinole.

With the success of Measure X, the ability to enhance our Fire Sarty is finally, within reach.

As elected officials it is your task to manage our financial resources and plan for needs as changes occur. That’s called management, strategy and foresight. It is leadership.

We have the means, the ability and hopefully the willpower on this council to make this important decision tonight.

Please Vote Yes on Agenda Item 6.

Sincerely
Mike and Ivette Ricco

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