

# Littleton Fire Protection District

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Re: Request for Mediation and Notice of Possible Termination of Agreement Dated January 17, 2012

Members of the Littleton City Council,

The Board of Directors ("Board") of the Littleton Fire Protection District ("Fire District") has received a copy of the July 11, 2017 letter the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District ("HRMD") sent to the City, which requests mediation regarding the transfer of dispatch services to South Metro Fire Protection District ("SMFPD"). The Board fully supports and agrees with the statements set forth in HRMD's July 11 letter and joins in the request for mediation pursuant to Section 11 of the January 17, 2012 Agreement between the City, the Fire District and HRMD.

As the Partner responsible for the provision and administration of emergency services to the Fire District and HRMD, the City has a duty to perform those obligations in as efficient and cost effective manner as possible. As HRMD observed in its letter, transferring dispatch services to SMFPD would save the Partners more than \$500,000 annually, while ensuring continued, high quality dispatching services. Fire Chief Armstrong has repeatedly advised the Fire District and HRMD - and no doubt City Council - the future viability of dispatching through Littleton Fire Rescue is at best uncertain, particularly with the ongoing staffing issues. The Board firmly believes that transferring dispatch to SMFPD is essential to the efficient and cost effective provision and administration of emergency services to the Partners.

If the City has not reversed its position or reached an agreement with the Fire District and HRMD on this matter by the end of November, the Board will consider terminating the Agreement effective January 1, 2019.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Gardner".

Keith Gardner, Board President

On Behalf of the Littleton Fire Protection District Board of Directors