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From Todd Conrad [REDACTED]
- 44 year resident
- 33 year member of SMVFD, Retired as Captain 2015

Honorable Council Members ~

I respectfully implore you to press forward with the measure for the public safety initiative as soon as possible.

Public Safety personnel retention is of higher importance than many people in this town realize. We have lost many valuable members of both the Police and Fire Departments over the years because of wages being sub-par in these professions. We always strive to maintain the highest levels of service from our public safety personnel and they should be compensated accordingly.

While I don't like the idea of paying more in taxes, I feel that this is worth it to maintain the level of safety that we've become accustomed to, as well as reasonably compensating those providing these services. This move will at least help us reach the minimum level of wages around the San Gabriel Valley.

This town has always made the best of what we have with the funds received but with less and less of our tax dollars coming back to our community from state and federal taxes, we need to make other provisions.

PLEASE move ahead with this initiative as quickly as possible.

Regards,
Todd Conrad