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Cimarron Hills Fire Protection District Reacts to the Continued Discussions and Debates Regarding the City of Colorado Springs Unprecedented Exit from the Regional 9-1-1 Authority.

Cimarron Hills, CO – Monday, July 27, 2026 – Cimarron Hills Fire Protection District (CHFPD) reacts to the continued discussions, statements, and debates surrounding the unprecedented announcement by the City of Colorado Springs that takes El Paso County back by 30-years and de-regionalizes one of the most critical services for El Paso County residents who live in the most populated county in Colorado.

In the interest of transparency CHFPD provides the below public information.

The City of Colorado Springs continues to address or allude to issues with the Regional 911 Authorities expenditures and finances, such as overpaying their staff. As a reminder, the City of Colorado Springs currently holds 3 of the 9 seats on the Authority Board. The Authority Board is responsible for approving the budget, which is drafted and presented by the Authority Staff. The budget outlines salaries, benefits, dispatcher stipends, and the different funds allocated to each member jurisdiction. These are the very items the City of Colorado Springs complains are not distributed equitably. So, with their 3 member seats did they ever voice their frustration or disapproval with the financial distributions? That is a great question, let's explore the facts.

- The 2021 Authority Budget was approved on 11/18/2020 with a unanimous vote of 9-0
 - The authority board member who motioned for budget approval was none other than current CSPD Police Chief Adrian Vasquez
 - All 3 City of Colorado Springs members voted “aye”
- The 2022 Authority Budget was approved on 11/17/2021 with a unanimous vote of 9-0
 - The authority board member who motioned for budget approval is a current CSFD Battalion Chief
 - All 3 City of Colorado Springs members voted “aye”; CSPD Police Chief Vasquez was again in favor of the Authority Budget
- The 2023 Authority Budget was approved on 11/30/2022 with a unanimous vote of 9-0
 - The authority board member who seconded the motion for budget approval is a current CSPD Deputy Chief
 - All 3 City of Colorado Springs members voted “aye”
- The 2024 Authority Budget was approved on 11/29/2023 with a unanimous vote of 8-0, with one member not present
 - All 3 City of Colorado Springs members voted “aye;” which includes a current CSFD Deputy Chief and a current CSPD Deputy Chief



- The 2025 Authority Budget was approved on 11/20/2024 with a unanimous vote of 7-0, with one member not present and one vacant board seat
 - Both City of Colorado Springs members who were present voted “aye;” which includes a current CSFD Deputy Chief and a current CSPD Deputy Chief
- The 2026 Authority Budget was approved on 11/19/2025 with a unanimous vote of 7-0, with two members not present
 - Both City of Colorado Springs members who were present voted “aye;” which includes two current CSPD Deputy Chiefs, with the CSFD Deputy Chief not present

The budget process is comprehensive including months of discussions, meetings, and presentations. No Authority Board Member could possibly misunderstand or not comprehend the overall expenditure of the Authority, including staff salaries and jurisdictional distributions.

The Facts Above By the numbers:

- **6** possible budget cycles
- **3** City of Colorado Springs members per board during each cycle
- This equals a total possible vote count for the City of Colorado Springs at **18** votes
- **18** possible votes with a total of **16** votes cast
- **16** City of Colorado Springs votes saying “AYE” to approve the Authority Budget
- **54** total board member votes across all jurisdictions over the last 6 budget cycles
- **49-0** board members vote approval of the last 6 budgets
- **1** Colorado Springs Police Chief Adrian Vasquez voting “AYE” for 2 budgets

The City of Colorado Springs had 18 opportunities to vote no, and yet they voted “AYE.” The CSPD Police Chief, multiple CSPD Deputy Chiefs, a CSFD Deputy Chief, and a CSFD Battalion Chief all had an opportunity to stop raises, rein in expenditures, and drive change in jurisdictional distributions. They either agreed or chose not to act on their requirement to lead and represent their jurisdiction.

They agreed then, but now upon being influenced by Mayor Mobolade and his attempt to correct his own mismanagement, they are failing to remember they approved of the perceived issues they are now complaining about.

Numbers do not lie! Leadership is doing the difficult things that are known to be right even when facing adversity or going against the grain.

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