



CITY OF LAKEPORT

City Council ☐

City of Lakeport Municipal Sewer District ☐

Lakeport Industrial Development Authority ☐

Municipal Financing Agency of Lakeport ☐

STAFF REPORT

RE: Consideration of Letters of Support for Lakeport Fire Protection District FY27 Senate Appropriations Earmark Requests – New Fire Station Land Acquisition

MEETING DATE: 03/03/2026

SUBMITTED BY: Kevin M. Ingram, City Manager

PURPOSE OF REPORT: ☐ Information only ☒ Discussion ☒ Action Item

WHAT IS BEING ASKED OF THE CITY COUNCIL/BOARD:

The City Council is being asked to consider authorizing the Mayor to sign letters of support for the Lakeport Fire Protection District's Fiscal Year 2027 Senate Appropriations Earmark requests submitted to Senators Adam Schiff and Alex Padilla. The requests seek federal funding assistance for the acquisition of property located at 440 North Main Street in Lakeport for the future development of a replacement fire station.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The Lakeport Fire Protection District (LFPD) is currently evaluating the purchase of approximately one acre located at 440 North Main Street, which is presently developed as an auto body shop. The site is directly across from the District's existing fire station and is being considered as a potential location for a future replacement facility.

The District intends to pursue \$1.8 million in federal Fiscal Year 2027 Senate Appropriations Community Project Funding to assist with land acquisition costs. According to the Fire District, the property owners are interested in selling in the near future, creating a time-sensitive opportunity to secure a strategically located site that supports long-term emergency response needs.

The City of Lakeport and LFPD maintain a long-standing partnership in providing emergency services within the community. Continued investment in modernized fire protection facilities supports regional emergency response readiness, enhances firefighter safety, and ensures that critical services remain centrally located within the City.

Although the City is not the project sponsor, local letters of support are commonly requested as part of the federal appropriations process to demonstrate regional collaboration and community backing.

Given the compressed timeline for submittal, staff is bringing this request forward at the earliest opportunity for Council consideration.

OPTIONS:

1. Authorize the Mayor to sign letters of support for the Lakeport Fire Protection District's FY27 Senate Appropriations Earmark applications.
2. Provide alternative direction to staff.
3. Take no action.

FISCAL IMPACT:

☒ None ☐ \$ Budgeted Item? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Budget Adjustment Needed? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, amount of appropriation increase: \$

Affected fund(s): ☐ General Fund ☐ Water OM Fund ☐ Sewer OM Fund ☐ Other:

None. Approval of letters of support does not commit City funds or create any financial obligation for the City of Lakeport.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

☒ Priority #1: Public Safety & Crisis Response



☒ Priority #2: Disaster Resiliency



☐ Priority #3: Good Governance & Fiscal Stability



☐ Priority #4: Capital Infrastructure Improvement



☒ Priority #5: Safe, Sustainable & Attractive Neighborhoods



☐ Priority #6: Economic Development

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

Move to authorize the Mayor to sign letters of support for the Lakeport Fire Protection District's FY27 Senate Appropriations Earmark requests supporting land acquisition for a future replacement fire station at 440 North Main Street.

☒ **Attachments:**

1. 2/19/2026 Lakeport Fire Protection District Letter of Support Request
2. City of Lakeport Letter of Support – LFPD FY27 Senate Appropriations Request (Senator Schiff)
3. City of Lakeport Letter of Support – LFPD FY27 Senate Appropriations Request (Senator Padilla)