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Public Comment, please no fire department consolidation

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Dear Council Members,

I am a resident of Sebastopol and I do not support the annexation of the Sebastopol Fire Department by the Gold Ridge District.

I do not want to lose local control of our fire service. If my taxes and our City budget are going to fund a fire service, **I believe the residents should retain control over how the money is spent, how it is generated and how service is delivered.**

I ask that the City Council commit to funding our Fire Department and commit to using vehicle replacement funds toward vehicle replacement.

I do not want to give up local control over our Fire Department. There is no guarantee that the Gold Ridge Fire District will always vote and fund service to the benefit of Sebastopol's citizens. We would become a small voice in a much larger fire district and it is no guarantee that our voices would be heard, yet we would be funding the district through our City Budget and parcel tax.

Thank you,
Rachel Allen
Sebastopol resident