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TOWN HALL AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY – APRIL 2, 2025

Meeting Start Time: 5:30 pm

Meeting to be held in Person Only

There will be NO ZOOM or Vimeo Options for this Meeting

In Person: Sebastopol Cultural Community Center, 390 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA 95472

- 1. OPENING TOWN HALL CALL TO ORDER
- 2. TOWN HALL ITEM: The Sebastopol Fire Ad Hoc Committee will be conducting a Town Hall regarding the future of our fire and 911 emergency medical services.

Town Hall will include representatives from Gold Ridge and the City to elaborate on the decision making behind the reorganization and potential benefits, including:

- A fully staffed department with three career firefighters on duty 24/7 at the Sebastopol station
- Faster response times and improved emergency coverage
- More firefighters, trucks, and equipment to respond to emergencies
- Needed upgrades to our 50-year-old fire station
- Better planning resources for wildfires and other natural disasters

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These improved services would be funded by extending Gold Ridge's existing parcel taxes to properties in Sebastopol, totaling approximately \$265 per year for a typical single-family home.

The Sonoma County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) approved the reorganization on March 5, 2025. Residents now have until May 7, 2025 to file protests with LAFCO, if desired. If less than 25% of voters or property owners file protests, the reorganization will take effect no later than July 1, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT OF CITY COUNCIL TOWN HALL/SPECIAL MEETING

April 2, 2025 City Council Town Hall/Special Meeting will be adjourned to the next Regular City Council Meeting of Tuesday, April 15, at 6:00 pm, Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol,

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Brown Act as it is anticipated a majority of the City Council will be in attendance.

American Disability Act Accommodations/Accessibility: A request can be made orally or in writing, and submitted to the ADA Coordinator by email: building@cityofsebastopol.org or to the City Clerk's Office so as to avoid delay in reviewing and processing the request. Requests can be made by contacting the ADA Coordinator's Office at (707) 823-8597, via email at building@cityofsebastopol.org or by mailing such a request to the ADA Coordinator's Office located at 7425 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, CA. Note that if you contact the ADA Coordinators Office, via mail, you need to make the request early enough that a response can be timely provided.

Questions about the fire services reorganization may be submitted <u>sebastopolandgoldridgefire@cityofsebastopol.gov</u>.

For more information, please visit: CityofSebastopol.gov/SebFireReorg