



Ventura County Professional Firefighters Association

IAFF Local 1364

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Camarillo City Council
601 Carmen Dr.
Camarillo, CA 93012

Dear Council Members,

It has come to my attention that negotiations between the City of Camarillo and St. Mary Magdalen regarding old Fire Station 54 have come to an end without agreement. Although I am aware that the City intends to move forward with demolishing the old Fire Station, the building has been of interest to many of our Association members and the Association Board. I am writing to ask if the City may reconsider the demolition plans with the possibility of selling the property to the Ventura County Professional Firefighters Association.

If the purchase of the property is feasible, our hope is to maintain as much of the building's aesthetics as a "Fire Station" with improvements that will contribute to the historic value the property gives to Old Town Camarillo. The property would serve as the Association office for our local Ventura County Firefighters, including Firefighters that work at stations throughout the City of Camarillo.

The historic value that Old Station 54 has with the Firefighters of Ventura County spans decades, and it is our goal to renovate the station to represent that value and once again have it be a building of pride in the City of Camarillo. The location of Old Station 54 would allow the Firefighters Association to further engage in the community at the level that we currently are unable to achieve. The Association Board and its members envision countless opportunities that would be positive for our membership and the community that we so proudly serve.

I ask that the City postpone the demolition of Old Station 54 to allow our Association the opportunity to assess the feasibility of purchasing the property from the City of Camarillo. I look forward to an opportunity of speaking with you at your earliest convenience to further discuss the possibility of purchasing Old Station 54.

Respectfully,

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