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Hi Supervisors,

I think that this ordinance is to punish those who want to build in outlying areas. It is a way to get developers to build stack n paks in 15 minute cities. It is in effect discrimination against moving to the peaceful countryside.

The increased developer fees should be equal across the board. I am outraged that Borrego Springs FPD would pay \$8.12/sqft. under the proposal. That is about \$16K for a 2,000 sq. foot home. \$400K plus for a 100 unit stack n pak. At \$4K/month average salary, that's monthly pay for about 100 firefighters. Those don't sound like realistic costs. Many of the people who want to build there are lower income. We all need to pitch in.

I have a hard time believing that the potential cost and risk of putting out a wildfire have quadrupled in a few years. Are you paying for the fire-related toys you buy? Or maybe this is a Vehicle Miles Traveled Tax or Road User Charge without any road-related name?

We have not had any really huge wildfire in years. Certainly, there have been wildfires, but nowhere near as serious as 2007 and before.

Firefighting methods have improved, and I see no justification for raising the fee from \$0.58 to \$2.65 in the SD County FPD, for example, a 450% increase.

Regards,

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