

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Time: 04-08-25 10:00

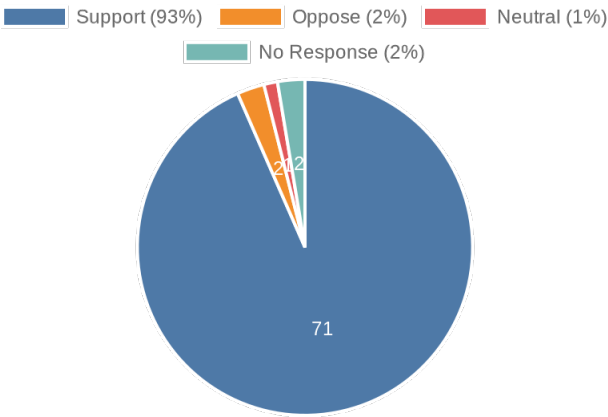
eComments Report

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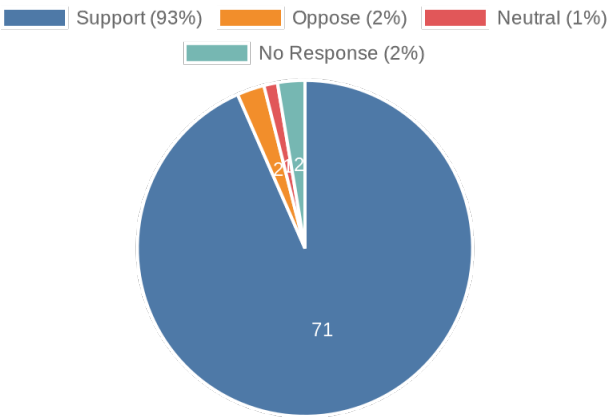


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20. FIGHTING CORPORATE MONOPOLIES THAT UNDERMINE FIRE PROTECTION	76	71	2	1

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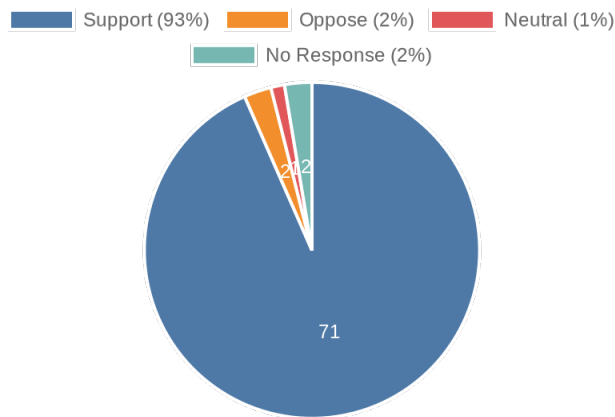
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Agenda Item: eComments for 20. FIGHTING CORPORATE MONOPOLIES THAT UNDERMINE FIRE PROTECTION

Overall Sentiment



Carolyn Geller

Location: 92122, San Diego
Submitted At: 11:13am 04-08-25

I support this for our well being..
Thank you.

Sarah Mack

Location: 92129-3763, San Diego
Submitted At: 9:33am 04-08-25

Monopolies must be broken up, particularly when it affects public safety!

Jack Hunt

Location: 92123, San Diego
Submitted At: 9:59am 04-07-25

Public safety should not be held hostage by private, corporate interests and monopolies. I support this item to protect the budgets of fire departments from corporate greed so that firefighters can continue to do their lifesaving work

Lisa Bellora

Location: 92025, Escondido
Submitted At: 9:38am 04-07-25

Fire protection is critical in San Diego County. Corporate greed has no part in this. I don't support companies that don't support us.

Phil Alper

Location: 92129, San Diego
Submitted At: 8:54pm 04-06-25

If the manufacture of firefighting equipment has been monopolized then it should be treated like any other

monopoly and forced to be a competitive business. The fact that this is a must have public item makes the urgency that much higher.

Nathan Brenner

Location: 92037, La Jolla

Submitted At: 8:29pm 04-06-25

Private Equity Is Destroying the Very Fabric of America in Housing, Health Care, Education, Agriculture and even Prisons! If we as San Diegans don't triple our efforts to defeat monopolies which harm consumers, including the manufacture and sourcing of fire trucks, we will no longer have choices to make as consumers, residents and citizens! Fight Back Against Monopolies and Predatory Private Equity Now! Vote Yes on FIGHTING CORPORATE MONOPOLIES THAT UNDERMINE FIRE PROTECTION and then KEEP FIGHTING for JUSTICE!

Roddy Jerome

Location:

Submitted At: 6:53pm 04-06-25

I agree we must fight these monopolies and ensure our firefighters get what they need. It is about safety or so I thought.

Karen Pohl

Location: 92119, San Diego

Submitted At: 3:25pm 04-06-25

I strongly support taking proactive measures to thwart monopolistic corporations from undermining our safety by gouging the country and taxpayers on fire equipment. Vote yes on Agenda item 20.

Danny Smithereens

Location:

Submitted At: 2:32pm 04-06-25

Firemen have to wait until the alarm sounds and the fire is under way before jumping into action. Intelligent humans, especially our law makers, are suppose to foresee a 'fire' coming, not wait until the house is fully on fire to call for action from the public. INO, this is not you doing a good job.

Jennifer Bloomquist

Location: 92131, San Diego

Submitted At: 1:18pm 04-06-25

OMG! How could this have happened? Who's in charge? Thank you for taking it back to the courts and keeping us informed.

Valerie Chereskin

Location: 92024, Encinitas

Submitted At: 12:42pm 04-06-25

We must fight these monopolies and provide our firefighters with the equipment they need.

Margaret McLean

Location: 92115, San Diego

Submitted At: 9:32am 04-06-25

All public services need to be managed by public servants. Outsourcing to private firms guarantees conflict of interest. Private business work for their bottom line and the almighty dollar, not to the benefit of average people like me.

Amanda Schnitzius

Location: 92037, La Jolla

Submitted At: 9:01am 04-06-25

I support this effort

Elizabeth Olson

Location: 92009, Carlsbad
Submitted At: 3:46pm 04-05-25

This will put our fire departments and citizens at risk. Corporatizing public works is outrageous. Stop it now.

Liz Ramos

Location: 92024, Encinitas
Submitted At: 2:46pm 04-05-25

Over the past twenty years we've seen private equity companies move in on the essentials of life - healthcare, housing, schools, & less obvious areas like car washes, toy stores and now fire trucks. Their m.o. is always the same - extract the assets, load up on debt and force consumers to pay the price. They promise efficiency & better quality. In reality we are left with fewer hospitals, less housing and higher prices for everything. Additionally, PE execs avoid paying their fair share of taxes thanks to the "carried interest" loophole. Overall, it's a redistribution of wealth and resources to the .1% of financial pirates who do not add anything of value to society. Please put a stop to the hijacking of our public resources.

Suellen Sorenson

Location: 92124, SAN DIEGO
Submitted At: 1:58pm 04-05-25

- Fire engine costs have doubled — from \$650,000 to \$1.3 million
- Departments are waiting more than 900 days for new equipment
- Our firefighters are doing heroic work with aging trucks and breakdowns on the rise

Joe Meyer

Location: 92126, San Diego
Submitted At: 1:12pm 04-05-25

No fire equipment including fire trucks, water trucks or EMT vehicles should be held by monopolies. Corporate greed is out of control. Private equity firms (the very rich) are buying up everything and raising prices. This is not right. Do more and fight this.

Glenda Avance

Location: 92109, San Diego
Submitted At: 12:59pm 04-05-25

How could this happen, monopoly... stop it now

Zane Navarro

Location: 91910, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 12:22pm 04-05-25

This outrageous! The fire truck industry is now a monopoly, and corporate greed is threatening public safety across the country.

Fire trucks can only be purchased from a single, private corporation. This monopoly means that San Diego (and the rest of the entire USA) must purchase Fire trucks from ONLY ONE COMPANY. And this corporate monopoly sets the price for whatever they want. So if our county needs a new fire truck, it now costs us 1.3 Million dollars, instead of the \$650,000 which was the price before corporate greed was allowed to make a monopoly.

80% of San Diego County is considered a wildfire hazard zone.

WE ALREADY CONSIDER OUR FIREFIGHTERS TO BE HEROS!!!! Don't force them to put their lives at even more risk because they don't have equipment they need.

I'm supporting our SD Supervisor, Terra Lawson-Remer, to take action against The Greedy Big Bully in Wall Street, and give our Heroes a fighting chance.

JOAN HELLAND

Location: 92116-2129, SAN DIEGO
Submitted At: 10:50am 04-05-25

Support FIGHTING CORPORATE MONOPOLIES THAT UNDERMINE FIRE PROTECTION. We need better fire protection.

Susan Wishon

Location: 92122, San Diego
Submitted At: 10:16am 04-05-25

I am in full support of the efforts to get fire departments the emergency equipment they need. Corporate greed has no place in our public service. These firefighters put themselves in harms way to protect us all. They need to have the right resources to ensure that they and the public remain safe.

A Crane

Location: San Diego
Submitted At: 10:02am 04-05-25

We are surrounded by canyons and a wide open space from the nearby air station. We depend on our station to be there and quick. We have evacuated twice and every year we fear we will need to leave our homes again. Having up to date equipment is a necessity

J Hogan

Location: 92115, San Diego
Submitted At: 9:37am 04-05-25

I wholeheartedly support the proposed initiative.

Until today I was entirely unaware of this situation- I'd say it's unbelievable but, sadly, it's just the sort of thing can expect these days. Giant financial corporations squeezing the life out of the middle and working classes, seems to be the status quo, and actively supported by congress and courts. In this case they're putting the lives of first responders and the citizens they protect at risk, just for an extra buck. It's shameful, and reprehensible.

Anne CT

Location: 91901, Alpine
Submitted At: 8:45am 04-05-25

The public safety & well-being should never be controlled by a single, private entity whose sole interest is driven by profits.

I fully support Supervisor Lawson-Remer's proposal. With the economic uncertainty we're experiencing due to the tariffs & trade wars the current, Federal administration has plunged us into, we have to fight back in every legal way possible to protect our interests, our properties and our lives. Fire safety is paramount and something we should all agree on.

Jessica Reed

Location: 92130, San Diego
Submitted At: 8:35am 04-05-25

I support the proposed initiative so that fire departments can have the ability to fight fires that are becoming more frequent and intense with climate change. We don't want to become a tragedy as in the Palisades and Altadena. Well-equipped firefighters strengthen our climate resilience.

Margaret Schmidt

Location:
Submitted At: 8:07am 04-05-25

With our year over year fire statistics showing a significant increase combined with a large state and county budget deficit, I support holding these monopolies to account. There is simply no excuse for the increased costs associated with fire trucks and gear- well out of proportion to inflation. With the increased buying power these monopolies have in sourcing raw materials to build, they should be passing on a reduction in pricing to the consumer not an increase. Clearly, this is simply greed at it's worst. To the detriment of us all.

Alyssa Wallace

Location: 92128, San Diego
Submitted At: 7:06am 04-05-25

With the devastation we have historically experienced in regards to wildfires (both the Witch Creek and Cedar fires remain in the top 10 most devastating fires in California history) it's truly criminal that we have allowed the

safety of our community to be compromised by corporate greed. It's insane to me that essential firefighting equipment is being price gouged and delayed so that some corporation can profit from our pain.

Bouwina Smitham

Location: 92130-2180, San Diego

Submitted At: 1:10am 04-05-25

Our firefighters should have access to reasonable priced firetrucks, which get delivered in a timely manner.

Thank you for addressing corporate monopolies that undermine fire protection.

Susan Simon

Location: 92101, San Diego

Submitted At: 10:50pm 04-04-25

Do we need more proof that California REQUIRES more fire fighting equipment?

Martin Marcus

Location: 92120, San Diego

Submitted At: 9:39pm 04-04-25

We need a little more healthy competition in the process of awarding contracts for our Fire equipment like fire engines and other heavy equipment. I support Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer's efforts to eliminate the monopoly in the Firetruck bidding process.

Ellen Pankuch

Location: 92027, Escondido

Submitted At: 8:46pm 04-04-25

Living on the edge of a natural area, I am vulnerable to wildfire. Firefighters should have reliable trucks and equipment to do their jobs! The quicker fires can be extinguished, the less damage they can cause. Monopolies aren't fair. The price increases on new trucks make it much harder for local firehouses to afford needed equipment. Please do what you can to rectify the monopoly and high prices.

Daniela PerezVelasco

Location: 91914, Chula Vista

Submitted At: 8:06pm 04-04-25

Public safety and health should not be manipulated to extract profits. This is unethical and immoral. This is why antitrust laws exist. Competition brings down prices and increases innovation.

We need to support our fire fighters to the full extent of the law.

Vesna Vukov

Location: 92107, San Diego

Submitted At: 8:02pm 04-04-25

Firefighters need modern equipment to do their dangerous jobs. Corporate monopolies have no right to interfere with public and firefighters safety by jacking up prices just so they can line their already filthy pockets.

Nanci Washburn

Location: 92110, San Diego

Submitted At: 7:49pm 04-04-25

Sherman AntiTrust Law should be demanded. These equity creeps have created a monopoly. That is against the Sherman Anti Trust Law.

Adriana SantoTomas

Location: 92024, Encinitas

Submitted At: 7:41pm 04-04-25

There should be no monopolies on firetrucks. Public safety should not have a price decided by wall street

Brett Wilkins

Location:

Submitted At: 7:37pm 04-04-25

Fighting monopolies with antitrust laws already on the books should be one of the main priorities of our government at all levels especially when it comes to public safety. I urge the Board to do their job and enforce the law for the benefit of their constituents.

MaryBeth Dawson

Location: 91910, Chula Vista

Submitted At: 7:34pm 04-04-25

Thank you for introducing this. I strongly support the proposal to explore legal and advocacy options. Public safety should not be privatized! We need to hold private equity firms accountable for their actions that have put vulnerable communities at risk.

Irene Mylonas

Location: 92037, La Jolla

Submitted At: 7:21pm 04-04-25

Thank you for fighting this worthy fight. Public safety should not be hampered by corporate greed and monopolies.

Rachel Parish

Location: 92122, San Diego

Submitted At: 6:45pm 04-04-25

Stop the corporate monopoly and ensure public safety.

Janet Silverman

Location: 92009, Carlsbad

Submitted At: 6:21pm 04-04-25

We have to hold these corporate monopolies accountable to make sure our firefighters get the life-saving equipment they need to do their work to save us when we need it.

Thomas Reid

Location: 92009, Carlsbad

Submitted At: 6:14pm 04-04-25

I support directing the County to explore legal action, antitrust enforcement, and national advocacy to hold those corporate monopolies accountable for private equity firms buying up nearly every major fire truck manufacturer. They have slashed production, gutted competition, and doubled prices. We need to make sure our firefighters get the life-saving equipment they need.

Michael Hogan

Location: 92014, Del Mar

Submitted At: 5:57pm 04-04-25

This should be a matter of national security. I hope your able to team with other districts and even other states to combat this blatant greed.

Sarah Ware

Location: 92109, San Diego

Submitted At: 5:35pm 04-04-25

Private equity is taking over this country. Regulation gives power back to the people.

Christine Sullivan

Location: 92122, San Diego

Submitted At: 5:32pm 04-04-25

This is what happens when everything gets "privatized." Fires are neutral--they don't care if you voted for the current administration or not. It's outrageous that the public welfare is being held hostage by these companies.

There should be no greater priority here in San Diego than having the means to fight serious fires!

Abigail Vickers

Location: 92037, La Jolla

Submitted At: 5:26pm 04-04-25

I strongly support this proposal. Private equity is ruining this country. Sickening that investors are getting a larger ROI directly due to people's homes burning down and lives lost.

Veronica Valdes

Location: 92109, San Diego

Submitted At: 5:20pm 04-04-25

No monopoly on fire trucks

Caron Golden

Location: 92124, San Diego

Submitted At: 5:12pm 04-04-25

If the fire truck industry is a monopoly, then San Diego County must fight it via the courts and advocacy so that our County is protected. This is no time to be rolled. We need fire trucks and local governments should not be at risk because corporations are beyond greedy. This is a safety issue.

John Wolf

Location: 92129, San Diego

Submitted At: 5:07pm 04-04-25

I support the position against private equity practices that undermine the public good. What's government good for if it doesn't push back groups that undermine the culture itself. This isn't the only issue that has the same pattern. The wanton practice of using large capital to buy up homes in an area to control prices and then wholesale increase the cost of housing for all by jacking up prices to the point of damaging the ability to earn a living. It's not of matter of "do you think" this is a problem. It's a matter of what's government going to do the reverse this practice? The answer is now.

Vicki Lindblade

Location: 92122, San Diego

Submitted At: 5:04pm 04-04-25

Rampant capitalism shouldn't be allowed to funnel even more money to the already rich rather than serve community welfare.

Francis Mueller

Location: 92127, San Diego

Submitted At: 4:54pm 04-04-25

Fire truck monopoly must be broken up.

Dale Schwab

Location: 92008, Carlsbad

Submitted At: 4:51pm 04-04-25

I support what you are proposing to protect our communities from ongoing fire concerns. Monopolies should not control critical safety equipment at the expense of public safety.

Kathleen Ervin

Location: 92117, San Diego

Submitted At: 4:31pm 04-04-25

I am against privatization and monopolization of key safety equipment providers like fire engine companies. Especially when they form monopolies that value profit over public safety. You need to provide our firefighters with competitively priced, excellent equipment to save lives and be for the public good of many not the bank accounts of the rich monopolists. Bring back healthy competitive business people, not taxpayer gouging and selfish monopolies.

Mary Liu

Location: 92067, Rancho Santa Fe

Submitted At: 4:14pm 04-04-25

YOU need to support our local firefighters & give them the needed lifesaving equipment now! Being prepared will prevent catastrophic fires & save lives. We need to set our priorities in the right places & let our moral compasses guide us. Do the right thing!

Joseph Gannon

Location: 92127, San Diego

Submitted At: 4:11pm 04-04-25

I support this proposition to challenge the corporate monopolies that undermine fire protection for San Diego County.

Kathleen Hansen

Location: 92118, Coronado

Submitted At: 4:09pm 04-04-25

I firmly support Terra Lawson-Remer's proposal to hold corporate monopolies accountable and to ensure our heroic firefighters get the life-saving equipment they and the public need.

CAROL HILTON

Location: 92056, OCEANSIDE

Submitted At: 4:02pm 04-04-25

Private corporations should not make tremendous profit at the expense of public safety.

Kristen Panebianco

Location:

Submitted At: 4:02pm 04-04-25

I support this proposition to reduce monopolies and ensure fire departments have the necessary equipment to protect us. Thank you for working on this!

Nalani Fordham

Location: 92083, Vista

Submitted At: 3:55pm 04-04-25

Please vote in favor of this resolution. Fire protection is so very important to San Diego, and these exorbitant prices for equipment will put all of us in danger.

Debra Hammill

Location: 92008, Carlsbad

Submitted At: 3:33pm 04-04-25

This is just wrong! Ultimately tax payers will have to pay for these outrageously priced fire trucks but most importantly these delays put us in danger during fires.

Grace Lawrie

Location: 92103, San Diego

Submitted At: 3:27pm 04-04-25

Corporate greed should not come at the cost of public safety.

Richard Fewell

Location:

Submitted At: 3:25pm 04-04-25

We have the right supervisor to lead us in fighting corrupt corporations.

Sally Pla

Location: 92024, Encinitas

Submitted At: 3:19pm 04-04-25

We live in fear of fire every day. The thought of corporate monopolies undermining our county's ability to fight our very real wildfire threat is repulsive and we must take action. I 100% support Vice-Chair Lawson-Remer's proposal. Please, help us "fight fire with fire" against corporate greed and shameful, potentially illegal price-fixing.

Dan Kittredge

Location: 91941, La Mesa
Submitted At: 3:12pm 04-04-25

Stop corporate greed

Rhya Cawley

Location: 92056, Oceanside
Submitted At: 3:09pm 04-04-25

Yes!. I support your proposition. Thank you for your leadership!

Lauren Rossin

Location: 92131, San Diego
Submitted At: 2:50pm 04-04-25

No brainer. I 100% support fighting anyone, any business or anything that undermines Fire Protection for Human beings and their property

Mary Dawson

Location: 92026, Escondido
Submitted At: 2:49pm 04-04-25

I'm so thankful that Vice Chair Lawson-Remer will be watching over this important issue.

Samuel Sugarman

Location: 92127, San Diego
Submitted At: 2:32pm 04-04-25

I SUPPORT FIGHTING CORPORATE MONOPOLIES THAT UNDERMINE FIRE PROTECTION.

Lynn Selzer

Location: 92024, Encinitas
Submitted At: 2:32pm 04-04-25

It's time to fight back — by directing the County to explore legal action, antitrust enforcement, and national advocacy to hold these corporate monopolies accountable and make sure our firefighters get the life-saving equipment they need. San Diego is at high risk of further fires. Our firefighters need to have updated equipment to protect their lives and our citizens. A monopoly has caused costs to rise at a rate that it will be hard for San Diego to afford the new engines and an inappropriate waiting time that may cause loss of lives and property. Please stand behind our heroic fire fighters and help them get the needed equipment before it is too late!
Thank you

Jacoba Dolloff

Location: 91941, La Mesa
Submitted At: 2:30pm 04-04-25

Over 80% of our county is in a wildfire hazard zone. We cannot afford to let Wall Street profit while our communities burn. Please vote in favor of this resolution.

Yvonne Elkin

Location: 92126, San Diego
Submitted At: 2:28pm 04-04-25

I fully support Vice-Chair Lawson-Remer's proposal to direct the County to explore legal action, antitrust enforcement, and national advocacy to hold corporate fire equipment monopolies accountable. In a world of changing climate and increased danger of fire we need to do everything possible to ensure our firefighters have the best fire fighting and life-saving equipment they need.

William Hawks

Location: 92126, San Diego
Submitted At: 2:28pm 04-04-25

Quick fire suppression is very important to me. I'm handicapped and it's difficult for me to evacuate. I think anything we can do in this regard as far as obtaining equipment and supporting our firefighters is very important.

Max Disposti

Location: 92054, oceanside
Submitted At: 2:27pm 04-04-25

Please vote in favor of this resolution against the privatization of our public infrastructure.

Mary Fifield

Location: 92107, San Diego
Submitted At: 2:26pm 04-04-25

I support Supervisor Lawson-Remer's proposal to explore legal avenues to investigate monopolistic practices that are putting our county's economy, environment, and community safety at risk. Oligarchic consolidation of wealth and power is so entrenched that local governments must get involved in enforcement of anti-trust law, especially as the federal government becomes increasingly corrupted. Thank you for leadership in this area.

Ellen Anderson

Location: 92106, san diego
Submitted At: 2:23pm 04-04-25

We need working fire trucks and replacements at a reasonable cost

Scott KG

Location: 92064, Poway
Submitted At: 2:18pm 04-04-25

This is essential to protect our communities. Thank you for fighting back and on our behalf. This is why we elected you.

laura brittain

Location: 92024, encinitas
Submitted At: 2:18pm 04-04-25

I support Lawson-Roemer in seeking to have the county find legal methods to encourage fire equipment not be sold at exorbitant prices by private companies and individuals.