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The Honorable
Michael Posey
Mayor of Huntington Beach
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Dear Mister Mayor:

I am writing to express my opposition to Item 19, an agreement for consultant services with the Fountain Valley Fire Department.

While I am certain that the registered nurses who work for the Fountain Valley Fire Department have a “great... depth of resource,” I believe that the Huntington Beach Fire Department should make an effort to hire a full-time Emergency Medical Services Manager. Huntington Beach is the 4th largest city in Orange County and should be providing more services for the residents of Huntington Beach.

The qualifications for the position of Emergency Services Manager are listed as “Developing continuous quality improvement training for emergency medical service delivery, providing emergency medical service training and support for newly hired paramedics, fire[men] and ambulance [drivers], providing Emergency Medical Technician...training for fire[men] and ambulance [drivers], auditing electronic patient care reports, and serving as the communicable disease exposure officer for [the Fountain Valley Fire Department and the Huntington Beach Fire Department.]” I am particularly concerned about allowing the registered nurse in this position, who would be an employee of the Fountain Valley Fire Department to “audit patient care reports” for those who may require emergency medical services in Huntington Beach. I believe this may be a potential violation of the William L. Archer Jr. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, which prohibits sharing of health information.

I also do not agree with the claim that the registered nurse in this position will possess “institutional history.” The “institutional history” of the Huntington Beach Fire Department is only possessed by the employees of the Huntington Beach Fire Department.

Thank you for listening to my concerns. In Summary, I would encourage a vote in the negative on Item 19.

Sincerely Yours,

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