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FIRE DISTRICT BOARD FAILS BASIC MATH!

On the evening of June 6th, the Mescal-J6 Fire District Board presented their proposed Operation and Maintenance Budget and Reserve Budget for FY 2016-2017. CDO was in attendance at the Public Hearing asking the District to provide financial documents to show that the proposed level of spending was sustainable for the next two years.

With the proposed expenditures listed ([click here](#)), the District Board was unable to explain a plan beyond "we need to wait and see" for providing the additional \$60,000-\$70,000 dollars for startup the following year.

The Boardchair said the District was able to carry over 50 % of their income from this year to use for next year. If that were true, we would not have been so frustrated --- Boardchair Mark Lee used his statement to illustrate that the District was sound and sustainable.

District documents that we can find suggest a different story than Chair Mark Lee's statement above - Actual Income to date added to Projected Income for the remaining two months of this fiscal year is \$ 252,038. Actual Expenses added to Projected Expenses for the remaining two months of this year is \$244,946.

We invite you to compare the numbers: Income \$252,038 and Expenses \$244,946. The only way to carry over the \$80,000 the District has identified in the new budget is to tap savings for a major hita process that is highly questionable for two years in a row as is suggested will be necessary with the proposed two-year budget comparison prepared by Chief Moran and approved by the Governing Board. Both years will also require a tax increase.

For over a year and a half, CDO has brought to the attention of the Fire District Board suggestions to improve transparency and accuracy of public record keeping with a focus on financial documents. The bottom line is that we all want the fire district to succeed and to have the support of the community. That is the CDO's objective.

CONSIDER RUNNING FOR THE FIRE DISTRICT BOARD. TWO POSITIONS ARE COMING OPEN THIS YEAR.

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[Click here](#) for Candidate's Pamphlet - Special District Governing Board Members - Individuals seeking election to the governing body of a fire district must be, and during incumbency must remain, a qualified elector of the district for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the election. (A.R.S. § 48-802). Non-partisan candidates must file nomination petition and papers between July 1 and August 10.

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