

Greetings Commissioners,

My name is John Aguerre. My family and I have resided in Broadmoor Village as property owners since 2002. My wife and I currently have the privilege of serving on the Board of Directors for the Broadmoor Property Owners Association. We are personally, ardent supporters of the Broadmoor Police Department.

LAFCO is concerned about the sustainability of the Broadmoor Police Department. There have been interactions between LAFCO and the District regarding a Matrix and myriad information requests after LAFCO published a report with factual inaccuracies. LAFCO did make an effort to rectify these inaccuracies, but publishing inaccurate information without due diligence renders the playing field not level from the get go.

The Police Commission and the Chief have worked very hard to meet the LAFCO requests, and have become more transparent, made difficult decisions, and taken steps to improve their sustainability. This has occurred while it has been murky navigating exactly what the LAFCO Commission is looking for.

I've attended meetings where transparency and accountability have been the focus, then the Brown Act is the focus, then the Matrix comes up as a focal point. It's an arduous task to keep up with the myriad concerns. I applaud the Chief and Police Commission for keeping up with this incredibly varied agenda.

The LAFCO Commission appears to take the difficult decision to trim staff and hours of personnel as a red flag. I think credit should be given to the Chief and Police Commission for making difficult decisions in order to satisfy LAFCO requests for a more palatable budget, and working towards the long term health of the Department. Proactive is not a horrible approach.

I would like to thank the LAFCO Commissioners and Mr. Bartoli for taking the time to attend BPOA and Broadmoor Police Commission meetings. There is no substitute for face to face interaction and getting a genuine feel for the passion of the Broadmoor Community. You are all welcome at any time to attend our meetings and Community events. Your graciousness is greatly appreciated. I hope the opportunity to hear Community perspective guides thoughtful consideration.

The March and May 2024 meetings were quite interesting. The Broadmoor Community has repeatedly been told that LAFCO does not want to dissolve the Police Department. The message has been to get the help you need to maintain the Police Department. Many steps have been taken to achieving that goal. The County employed an independent auditor. The Police Commission has engaged an agency to get a ballot initiative in place to give Broadmoor residents an opportunity to vote on an additional assessment to fund the Department and services going forward. There cannot be a more Democratic way to give our Community the chance to decide their preference. Quite frankly, it should be the residents of Broadmoor who decide if they want to retain and maintain their Police Department. A seventy five year plus institution of Public Service deserves that consideration. The will of a Government Agency should not supersede the will of the People.

The initiation of research by LAFCO to dissolve the Police District absolutely undermines the efforts of the Police Commission to provide the Community an option. You were well aware of our efforts and still took the steps of initiating research to dissolve. This was recognized by Commissioner Mueller at the May 2024 meeting. It reminds me of the March 2024 meeting when Commissioner Rorbach's last comment was, "It will happen," in regards to dissolution.

I don't believe it's unreasonable to converse in good faith and play on a level field. Your recent actions have taken the field out of level and cast aside good faith. Please enlighten me as to what the Broadmoor Police Commission has not done to deserve this treatment? I ask only for thoughtful consideration and acknowledgement that the peace of mind and public safety of 8,000 residents of the Broadmoor Community guides your actions. Thank you for attention to the Community.

Sincerely,

John V. Aguerre

Broadmoor Property Owner