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I have served with Tacoma Fire for 19 years and have worked at Station 12, serving the Pierce County Fire District 10 community, since 2012. I would like to thank the Board of Fire Commissioners for placing the proposed fire station bond measure before voters this August.

Every day, firefighters depend on their station to be able to respond quickly and safely when emergencies happen. While many Fife area residents see Tacoma Fire crews responding to calls, Pierce County Fire District 10 is responsible for maintaining the station those crews operate from.

Our current station has served this community for many years, but it no longer meets today's needs. The facility was not designed for modern apparatus, current firefighter health and safety standards, or the demands of modern emergency response.

Upgrades such as modern diesel exhaust removal systems, decontamination areas, and improved station layouts would better protect firefighters—and improve response efficiency. The project would also provide a fire station designed to remain operational during major emergencies, including earthquakes.

I appreciate the board for planning for the future and allowing the community to decide how emergency services infrastructure will be supported in the years ahead.

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