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April 8<sup>th</sup> 2025

Beaumont City Manager  
550 E. 6th Street  
Beaumont, CA 92223

Subject: Potential Acquisition of Ladder Truck

Dear City Manager Gibbs,

This letter is to inform you of an opportunity that has recently come to the attention of Riverside County Fire regarding the acquisition of a ladder truck, which could significantly expedite the fulfillment of the City of Beaumont's truck purchase request.

Riverside County Fire fleet staff recently became aware of a newly built ladder truck that meets the specific requirements outlined by Riverside County Fire. This truck was originally manufactured for a fire department in Texas. However, due to a shift in their departmental priorities, they have opted to prioritize fire engines over this ladder truck.

Following this information, County Fire fleet staff and I conducted a thorough inspection of the vehicle at the dealer's location in Texas. We meticulously compared the truck's specifications against Riverside County's standards and have confirmed that it fully meets our requirements.

Given that this ladder truck aligns with Riverside County's Fires, and by extension, the City of Beaumont's specifications, we believe it presents an excellent opportunity to expedite the delivery of a much-needed resource to your department. We are therefore seeking your support to assign this vehicle to the City of Beaumont, thus fulfilling your existing truck purchase request.

Furthermore, we wish to bring to your attention a matter of considerable urgency. We have been notified by numerous fire apparatus manufacturers about potential significant delays in the production and delivery of new vehicles. These delays are primarily attributed to the current steel and aluminum tariffs applied to materials sourced from other countries. This situation could substantially impact the timeline for receiving any newly built apparatus, including the truck ordered by the City of Beaumont.

Acquiring this already completed ladder truck would bypass these potential delays, ensuring that the City of Beaumont receives the necessary equipment in a timely manner.

We believe this is a prudent and efficient solution to address your immediate needs while mitigating the risks associated with potential manufacturing delays.

**\*\*To further discuss this opportunity and provide detailed information, Riverside County Fire and our representatives would be happy to present this new option to the city on April 15th at your next council meeting.\*\***

Please let us know your thoughts on this matter at your earliest convenience, and if you would like to have us present on the 15th, so we can proceed accordingly.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey Pemberton".

Geoffrey Pemberton  
Chief Deputy of Riverside County Fire