

## Joe Serrano

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*Now & then, it's good to pause in our pursuit of happiness, & just be happy.*

*Debra who Means well...*

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**From:** Becky Steinbruner <ki6tkb@yahoo.com>  
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Hi, Debra,  
Thank you for sending the information about the January 6, 2021 Fire Consolidation Protest Hearing.  
Below are my corrections to the Draft Minutes of that Hearing, highlighted in blue.:

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Serrano opened the floor for public comments.

Becky Steinbruner indicated that she had difficulty locating the connection steps to attend the protest hearing. Neither Fire District website included the connection information, and the LAFCO homepage website had no instruction. Sarah Melton e-mailed the information that morning. She expressed again a desire to have had an in-person hearing within the District boundaries. She noted that she supports the consolidation and encourages the affected fire districts to further evaluate various factors, including but not limited to the level of service, cost of service, and governance for the new fire district (successor agency). She also expressed appreciation towards the scheduled transition from at-large to district-based elections for future elections involving the successor agency's board and hopes that the successor agency can find a way to keep the new in-lieu Board members somehow involved during the transitional period.

There was another woman that spoke as a resident of La Selva Beach, but her testimony is not included in the minutes. She was concerned that the consolidated District would be so large that the community connection and close relationship between the fire fighters and the public would be lost.

Please include her testimony in the minutes.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Becky Steinbruner