

Chief Kazian.

Please read as a public session item at the October, 2014 Board Meeting.

Thank you.

Dick Fishel

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Dear Governing Board and Management Staff of The Sedona Fire District.

My name is Dick Fishel and I live in West Sedona.

I am not able to be at this meeting personally, so I have asked Chief Kazian to read this letter for me.

I wish to apologize for some unintentional misinformation I provided at the last September Board meeting. We had purchased the vacant lot in front of us and had combined our house lot and the vacant lot into one parcel for tax purposes. That transaction showed up on our tax statements in 2013.

I erroneously compared property valuations and taxes between 2012 and 2013 and over a 3 year period mixing data before and after the combining of the lots. Those comparisons erroneously inflated valuation and tax data. For sharing that erroneous data I truly apologize.

What was true in my presentation and on the data sheet that I shared with you was the increase in SFD taxes of 18.5%, compared to a property valuation increase of 12.5%. That increase is still somewhat of a concern to me, but not a significant one looking at the long term need to correct past irresponsible tax cuts by previous SFD Boards.

I particularly wish to thank Chief Kazian and his staff for the time they spent to provide me with their researched tax data on my properties and some insight into budgeting challenges SFD has faced. That showed me where I had made some erroneous assumptions and which also gave me some more insights into SFD's budgeting challenges. Also my thanks to Corrie Cooperman for taking the time to correspond with me on her perspective of SFD taxation and budgeting issues.

Again, thanks to you all for your responses and allowing me the human condition of making a mistake.

Sincerely,

Dick Fishel