

## RE-ELECT JANICE KOSEL TO THE KPFD BOARD



In my 28 years on the Fire Board, I am proud of our many accomplishments:

- When I started, the insurance industry gave Kensington a fire safety rating of 4 out of 5. Last spring, the insurance industry raised our fire safety rating to 1 – a distinction held by only 1% of the fire departments in the country.
- The increase in our safety rating was due in large measure to a dramatic series of water system improvements that allowed us to provide enough water to serve two engines on the ridge. It also improved water hydrant spacing throughout the community.
- In 1995 we entered a contract with the City of El Cerrito to provide fire protection and emergency medical services. As a result, our fire station has one of the lowest operating costs of any fire station in the greater Bay Area.
- As chair of the finance committee, I set up a trust to pre-fund our liabilities to retirees.
- I instituted a reserve policy to set aside money annually so that funds are available when an engine must be replaced.

Our average response time is less than five minutes. And there is always at least one paramedic on each engine.

I am the only director to have completed both the state mandated training in sexual harassment and ethics as well as the recommended FEMA training to ensure the community qualifies for federal funds in the event of a natural disaster.

Six years ago a seismologist's report indicated that, in the event of an earthquake, there would be likely loss of life in the Public Safety Building (PSB). We have been working on how to renovate the public safety building to provide a safer work environment for our first responders. Our architects, the police chief, and the fire chief all agree that both departments cannot fit in the public safety building and meet current state and federal standards. The fire department will be housed in the parking lot at the Unitarian Church during the anticipated eighteen-month construction period. No tax increase will be required to fund the renovation.

I respectfully ask for your vote so I can continue to serve Kensington.

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