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Subject: Letter Requesting an Option to Lease the First Floor of the Public Safety Building

Dear President Alexandra Aquino-Fike:

The Kensington Fire Protection District (KFPD) received and met to consider the letter from the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District (KPPCSD) of April 17, 2023.

At its special meeting on April 19, 2023, the KFPD board considered the request of the KPPCSD board presented in their April 17 letter for an option to lease the first floor of the Kensington Public Safety Building (PSB) in perpetuity at terms to be worked out when the KPPCSD exercises such an option. After deliberation by the full KFPD board, including input from legal counsel, the KFPD board has declined the KPPCSD's request.

At the same time, the KFPD board confirmed that it is receptive to considering a fully specified proposal from KPPCSD to lease some or all of the first-floor space of the PSB, excluding the apparatus bays, which are utilized exclusively for fire department operations. Such a proposal should include specific terms of a proposed lease, including cost-sharing considerations, and a definitive scope for the KPPCSD's occupancy. A request complete with this level of detail can be balanced with the KFPD's own operational needs.

The KPPCSD has made clear that it is not requesting any modifications to the PSB seismic renovation at this time and has encouraged the KFPD to continue that project as currently designed. In this context, the KPPCSD should take whatever time is necessary to clarify its options for housing the KPPCSD district staff and the Kensington Police Department.

The KFPD is ready and willing to continue to serve as a resource to the KPPCSD at the temporary committee or full board level if joint occupancy of the PSB plays a role in KPPCSD's exploratory process.

Best regards,

Julie Stein, President and Director
Kensington Fire Protection District