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**Supplemental information for the Lake Johanna Fire
Department Headquarters Fire Station Request (HF 974/SF
1100) – March 8, 2023**

The City of Shoreview, on behalf of the cities of Arden Hills, and North Oaks, is seeking \$9.375 million in funding to assist in the construction of a new headquarters fire station in order to continue to serve multiple jurisdictions through the Lake Johanna Fire Department.

The Lake Johanna Fire Department directly serves the cities of Arden Hills, North Oaks, and Shoreview, as well as the Arden Hills Army Training Site (AHATS) which is occupied for use and training by the Minnesota National Guard. The department also serves portions of seven adjacent cities through automatic response agreements for structure fires in an additional 38 square miles, provides mutual aid, and is a member of the North Suburban HAZMAT Team.

The department has provided service to multiple jurisdictions since 1943, and operates out of three stations across the 31+ square mile primary service area to respond to calls for fires, motor vehicle accidents, emergency medical services, water and ice rescue, hazardous materials, confined spaces, and more. In 2022, the department responded to 4,291 calls and assisted adjacent communities and agencies on 93 calls.

This project will provide a new headquarters fire station to include offices for administrative staff, living quarters and bedrooms for the part-time shift personnel, fitness and wellness space, and spaces for classroom and hands-on fire training that will be utilized by multiple regional partner agencies. The new facility has been designed to meet the needs of the regional service area for the next 50 years, which will include the future development of over 427 acres in Arden Hills, known as Rice Creek Commons, to include retail, commercial, office, light industrial, and a wide variety of housing options. Additionally, the cities of Shoreview and North Oaks continue to experience infill

development with commercial and high density multi-story residential housing projects. The City of Shoreview for example has approved over 800 multi-family units in the last three years and has conceptually reviewed hundreds more anticipated for development in the near future.

The need for this project was determined through a 2018 long-range planning study to assess the departments current and future needs in the regional service area. The study concluded that the department was lacking sufficient training, administrative, and operating spaces. The study also noted that response times to certain service areas was hindered by the location of a current station on Victoria Street directly north of a rail line.

In addition to the service area needs, this facility will provide enhanced health and safety spaces for firefighters allowing for proper decontamination of gear and equipment, reduction in exposures to carcinogens and toxic materials, and allow for proper ventilation to reduce exposure to harmful fumes.

Please consider your highest support for this important project in order to continue providing life-saving fire, rescue and emergency medical services to the multi-city region. The investment in this headquarters fire station is needed to meet the needs currently, and for decades to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad Martens". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brad Martens, City Manager