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Foster Town Council
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RE: Police Department Building Committee

Dear Honorable Town Council Members,

As expected, the process to find safe and equitable solutions to the current situation that the Foster Police Station is operating in has been a bit slower than we would have hoped.

Our committee has discussed in depth, with much public input, several options and we have also received rough per square foot budgetary numbers that may apply to some of those same ideas.

The Committee is now at the point of releasing a Public ***Request For Pricing*** (RFP) for the Architectural design work. This step is critical for the committee to be able to then solicit public bids so the Town Council may have a realistic cost to work with.

At this time, I am requesting that the Town Council grant this committee some additional time so we may continue gathering the necessary information to supply to the Town Council. Unfortunately, until we have selected the Architect, we will not have a solid date for completion of plans that can be used for public bids. This committee understands the critical nature of expedience in this project however we wish to make very sure the concept we present is the most equitable and efficient plan that will also allow the Police Department to operate in a safe and professional manner today and in the future.

In closing, I would respectfully request the Town Council grant an additional 60 days for the committee to continue working towards the goal set forth by the Town Council.

Sincerely,

Joseph L. Walsh, Jr. / Committee Chair

cc: Renee Bevilacqua / Solicitor
Police Department Building Committee members
Jane Christopher / Town Clerk