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Mohammed Nuru
Director
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
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Dear Mohammed,

On March 6, 2014, the San Francisco Fire Department received a mold report from Pro-Tech regarding Fire Station 48, at 849 Avenue D, Treasure Island (TI). After reviewing the report, for health and safety reasons, the Department decided to immediately move members out of the Fire Station until the mold problem could be remediated. The members of Station 48 were moved on March 7, 2014 to the Department's Training Facility on TI. The Department converted the classrooms of the Training Facility into living quarters and rerouted all electronic communications to that facility, converting it into a temporary Fire Station.

On March 26, 2014 SFFD had a mold consultant, along with a DPW team consisting of a Project Manager, Architect, Construction Manager, Engineers and a Cost Estimator, compile a rapid assessment report of Station 48. The report was issued on March 28, 2014, and indicated that the costs to abate the mold would be upwards of \$4 Million. Furthermore, this assessment report did not take into account making separate men and women's restrooms and other functions of a modern Fire Station, including full accessibility. As a result, it was recommended that the Fire Department not rehabilitate this property, considering building ownership, cost restraints, redevelopment of Treasure Island and Treasure Island Development Authority (TIDA) concerns.

In early April, the Department consulted with TIDA about constructing a new Fire Station. TIDA indicated that the SFFD would not be allowed to build a permanent structure on TI until after the redevelopment phase. A Fire Station is planned during the redevelopment phase, but in all reality it will not be constructed for 8-10 years. Thus, it was determined that the best solution for a temporary Station would be modular units, with a projected lifespan of 15 years.

On April 16, 2014, the Department sent a letter to the Director of Capital Planning, requesting an additional \$2 Million to fund construction and relocation costs of temporary housing. The Department worked with the Mayor's Budget Office to secure additional funding. New funds were included in the 2014/15 Fiscal Year budget.

The Fire Department forwarded specifications for the modular housing to the Office of Contract Administration (OCA) in early July, in anticipation of funds being released and available in early August for

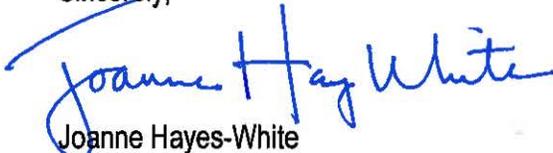
the project to immediately go out to bid. The first week of August, the City Administrator recommended that the project be pulled from OCA and reassigned to DPW. The Department immediately sent the specifications to DPW.

Current operations at the temporary facility, located on our training grounds, are far from ideal. Although our members' health and safety are no longer at risk, this is by no means a permanent solution, nor is it intended to be. We can no longer train our Recruit Academy classes in our Training Facility. Our vehicles continue to be stored outside in ocean air, without protection. The Department and Station 48 members are not satisfied with the current accommodations, as they are not up to the standards of other Fire Stations in the City.

Creating a new temporary Fire Station is a top priority for the Fire Department and I am requesting that this project be expedited. In addition, please provide the Department with a timeline of the progression, including when the project will go out to bid and ending when members will move into the new structure.

Thank you for all of the work DPW continues to do for the Fire Department and for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Joanne Hayes-White
Chief of Department