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**Subject:** RE: Fire Chief

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**From:** Lisa Schilling <lisapickerell@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 4:14 PM  
**To:** ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS <ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org>  
**Subject:** Fire Chief

Hi -

I'm interested in understanding why our council would appoint an interim fire chief (Robert Espinosa) who received a vote of no confidence from our neighbor to the south.

How can you justify hiring someone that was asked to leave the position when there are other qualified talent in the market?

Thanks!

Sent from Lisa Schilling

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**Subject:** RE: Concerns with new Fire Chief

**From:** Melissa McCaverty <[melissamccaverty@yahoo.com](mailto:melissamccaverty@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 4:12 PM  
**To:** ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS <[ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org](mailto:ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org)>  
**Subject:** Concerns with new Fire Chief

Hi there,

I am a resident in the 200 block of W. Maple Ave.

I just wanted to express my agreement with the below forwarded email sent to you by a fellow resident Tim Arnold. As I am currently employed as an attorney representing a large government entity, I have a lot of respect for LA County Lifeguard Chief Tim Arnold (Ret.) and I value his opinion very much.

Based on the information I have regarding the interim fire chief you plan to appoint at tonight's meeting, Robert Espinoza, I have to say I am disappointed and do not support this decision.

While it is unclear to me why Chief Lee retired with only 20 years of service to our city, I would have to think there is a better choice within our own department than Chief Espinoza (Ret.)

The fact that he was voted with an 87% no confidence rating by his peers (the Manhattan Beach Fire Fighters Association) is reason enough to me that he is unqualified for this position and will not do what is best for our city at this tenuous time.

Please reconsider this decision.

Thank you for your time,

Melissa McCaverty  
(310) 529-5993

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Tim Arnold <[timothyjarnold@icloud.com](mailto:timothyjarnold@icloud.com)>  
**Date:** May 2, 2023 at 12:43:41 PM PDT  
**To:** ES Elected Officials <[ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org](mailto:ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org)>, [dgeorge@elsegundo.org](mailto:dgeorge@elsegundo.org),  
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**Cc:** Tim Arnold <[timothyjarnold@icloud.com](mailto:timothyjarnold@icloud.com)>  
**Subject:** Concerns with new Fire Chief

Hi, I am an El Segundo resident on the 400 block of Virginia Street.

I have concerns with the new proposed interim Fire Chief Robert Espinosa who will be discussed at tonight's council meeting.

He retired six years ago from Manhattan Beach Fire Department after a vote of no confidence by 87% of the Manhattan Beach Fire Fighters Association.

This is a no win our city and our Firefighters.

I would recommend appointing a current ESFD Battalion Chief for six months while the city conducts its search for permanent Fire Chief.

Respectfully,  
Tim Arnold