

Evans Valley Fire District # 6 Auxiliary
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Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

On behalf of the Evans Valley Fire District #6 Auxiliary, we are writing to express our strong support for the Evans Valley Fire District #6 station expansion project, including the addition of a dedicated community meeting and resource room.

The Auxiliary's role is to support the Fire District while also helping meet broader community needs through fundraising, volunteer coordination, and public outreach. In carrying out this work, we consistently encounter a significant challenge: the lack of a safe, accessible indoor space in Evans Valley where residents can gather for training, preparedness, and community support activities.

As an Auxiliary, we help organize and support CPR and first aid classes, wildfire preparedness education, community meetings, and fundraising efforts that directly benefit public safety. Too often, these efforts are limited or postponed because there is no ADA-accessible indoor facility in the valley suitable for these activities. This is especially challenging for seniors, medically vulnerable residents, and families who cannot easily travel outside the area to access similar services.

The Fire District already serves as a trusted focal point for the community, and the Auxiliary regularly works alongside the District to connect residents with information and resources. The addition of a community room would allow the Auxiliary to more effectively fulfill its mission by providing a reliable, accessible location for training, outreach, and coordination. During emergencies or extended power outages, this space would also enable the Auxiliary to better support residents who rely on the Fire District as a point of stability and assistance.

From the Auxiliary's perspective, this project is not simply a facility improvement, but a necessary step toward strengthening community resilience. It would allow the Auxiliary to expand its support of the Fire District, increase participation in safety and preparedness programs, and better serve a rural community with limited alternatives.

For these reasons, the Evans Valley Fire District #6 Auxiliary strongly supports the station expansion and community room project and respectfully encourages your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Prettyman
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Evans Valley Fire District #6 Auxiliary