

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster, California

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Date: June 22, 2008

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Mark V. Bozigian, City Manager

Subject: **Support of the Current Plant 42 Fire Department**

Recommendation:

Adopt **Resolution No. 10-49**, in support of restoring the Air Force Plant 42 Fire Department Contract

Fiscal Impact:

None

Summary:

At the June 8, 2010 City Council meeting, members of the Air Force Plant 42 Fire Department addressed the City Council to gain support of their effort to restore their out-source, private contract for fire services. The United States Air Force has notified the civilian fire department that under an executive order of President Obama, fire service at Plant 42 will convert to in-source, civil service positions. The conversion will cause the termination of 85% of the current fire fighters due to strict age requirements under civil service rules. Consequently, nearly all fire fighters with over 20 years of tenure will not be qualified for the civil service positions and will become unemployed.

The City Council recognizes that this is not the time to lay off residents of the Antelope Valley where unemployment is the highest in the County at 17%. Therefore, the City Council supports the effort of the Plant 42 Fire Department to negotiate cost saving initiatives in order to preserve the current Fire Department. The City Council would also communicate with our Federal legislators about the need to preserve these Fire fighter positions and omit the Air Force's requirement to provide in-source fire services.

Attachment:

Resolution No. 10-49