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Mayor Lisa Brown  
City of Spokane  
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Dear Mayor Brown,

As Spokane Regional Emergency Communications (SREC) celebrates over five years of dedicated service, we reflect on our journey while also preparing for our future. Current and anticipated growth in the greater Spokane area necessitates emergency communication services that support the ever-increasing service demands.

SREC is currently implementing various initiatives to accommodate current and future growth. Notably, we are transitioning to a new Computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system to unify our twenty (20) fire and law member agencies onto a single CAD platform which will improve operational efficiency and enhance service delivery. Additionally, plans are underway for a new communications facility to support the needs of our community and member agencies, while also ensuring the sustainability and efficiency of our operations into the foreseeable future.

As we continue to prepare for the future, action is needed to support the evolution of regional emergency communication services. We extend our continued support to the City of Spokane (City) as you evaluate how to best meet your service needs; whether that is choosing to be established as a primary **Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP)**, or as a **member agency** of SREC. Either decision requires advanced planning by SREC to facilitate the eventual outcome.

Understanding the City may still be deliberating this decision, we, as the Board of Directors for SREC, recognize that a decision is needed to ensure that both SREC and the City can appropriately plan and prepare for the future.

Therefore, we kindly request a final decision no later than the close of business on **May 24, 2024**. Should the City ultimately decide against joining SREC, this timeline will allow SREC to assist our regional partners with necessary preparations as the City is established as its own primary PSAP, serving both the Spokane Police Department and the Spokane Fire Department.

If SREC does not receive a response by May 24, 2024, then the lack of response will be considered a decision by the City to establish its own primary PSAP. If the City chooses to establish its own PSAP, our desire would be that said PSAP become effective no later than **January 1, 2025** so that SREC can successfully manage its future operations. We would also be happy to further discuss a timeline that prioritizes public safety and accommodates a smooth transition for both agencies.

Regionalization offers a multitude of benefits that include improved operational efficiency, enhanced coordination and collaboration, standardized practices, and cost savings. By working together as a unified region, SREC and the City of Spokane can better serve and protect our community and residents, thereby ensuring a safer and more resilient future. Regardless of the path chosen by the City, SREC remains committed to collaborative efforts aimed at serving all of our citizens comprehensively.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, we look forward to continuing our shared mission of safeguarding our community.

Sincerely,

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