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Louisville Fire Protection District Responds To Safeway Redevelopment Flyer

The Louisville Fire Protection District recently received a copy of a community flyer highlighting the facts about the Safeway redevelopment project. We were both surprised and disappointed to find a comment about the fire department's lack of capacity to service this project. While we understand and appreciate the passion, either for or against this project, the informational flyer does not accurately characterize department capabilities.

The department has nearly 90 certified firefighters and officers operating 3 engines, 2 ambulances and 2 ladder trucks which are capable of reaching the windows of a 4-story structure. We serve a population of nearly 25,000 residents with a number of higher risk occupancies than the proposed Safeway project, including but not limited to, hospitals, nursing homes, Industrial facilities, schools and a tech park.

Most importantly, regardless of the type or size of structure built in our district, our residents and visitors can be assured that the project is constructed using the latest life safety and fire protection codes and standards. Finally, any concern the fire district has relative to a development project is captured in the normal review process with the city.

We understand and support an individual's right to voice his or her concern about the value or impact any new development may have on the community; however, we also believe it's important for the information to be factual. The fire district is more than capable to service this development and ensure occupant safety.

The Louisville Fire Department has over 125 years of dedicated service to the community and enjoys one of the lowest fire loss records of any community its size.

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