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Regarding the Disqualification of Lt. Andrew Garcia from the AFD Merger.

Travis County ESD4 remains committed to the original hope that as many of our firefighters as possible become employees of the Austin Fire Department. For the past year, we have sought to prepare all of our firefighters for the multiple hiring steps required in the merger agreement. Unfortunately, some of our members have been disqualified during the process for various reasons.

We have expressed our disappointment with the decision made in Lt. Garcia's case, in person and in written communications, to both the Austin Fire Chief and to members of the Austin City Council. We have asked that steps be taken that would allow Lt. Garcia to continue in the hiring process.