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To Rocky View County members of Council and Senior Administration Staff

Rocky View County Firefighters' Association Local 4794 would like to express their disappointment and dissatisfaction with Rocky View's administration and Council members who feel that our members do not and should not contribute to the democratic process within our community.

In a "fact sheet" issued by Rocky View administration and Council entitled "*Setting the Record Straight on Municipal Elections*" the County suggests that our members may not be competent and/or qualified to participate in the upcoming municipal election. Several sources have identified that the lack or lack of training of scrutineers in past elections has cast a suspicious light on those participants and outcomes. In support of good governance and as a service to the residents of Rocky View County, Association members will be offering the services of trained scrutineers to all candidates, to assist in making the upcoming election as correct and transparent as possible.

The Rocky View County Firefighters' Association has demonstrated its commitment to professionalism and ethics by facilitating one scrutineering workshop in April that was open to Association members and the public alike. To ensure sufficient scrutineers will be available for multiple polling stations, the Association is planning to hold another workshop before the election. It will also be open to the public.

The Rocky View County Firefighters' Association has promoted one goal for the upcoming municipal election; to support an unbiased and fair election process for all candidates and residents at no cost to either group. The Rocky View County Firefighters Association, their families and friends, are astonished and very disappointed in administration's and Council's unfounded low regard for their employees, firefighters whose only and consistent focus is to make positive contributions to Rocky View County for its residents.

Respectfully,

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