

My name is Jarathan Marcus. I am a citizen and tax payer in the Second District, and with other community representatives from the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Districts, I have had the pleasure of attending meetings at the Hickory Hill Community Center. We have been impressed and inspired by the constructive energy radiating from this hub of activity, and we see it as an asset the entirety of Richmond. Our city thrives when all parts of the city thrive. Therefore, we all have a vested interest in the enhancement of Hickory Hill, and all community centers in Richmond. ~~These leaders~~ We urge you to let this wonderful community but continue to thrive for the benefit of all.

Surely the city can find a location for the fire department to conduct its important training in a location that does not disrupt - and disrespect - the vital activity of citizen and neighborhood ~~activist~~ engagement.