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Dear Board members and City Council-members,

I am writing today about the appointment of the Executive Director of the South County Fire Authority JPA.

A JPA is defined as:

A joint powers authority (JPA) is an entity permitted under the laws of some U.S. states, whereby two or more public authorities (e.g. local governments, or utility or transport districts), not necessarily located in the same state, may jointly exercise any power common to all of them.

As such they should have to follow the laws of any governmental entity.

That being the case, why was the former City Manager made the full time Executive Director of the JPA board without an open job posting period as is required of other governmental entities. Why does it seem as if there was only one candidate for the job?

Was the board merely asleep at the wheel or is it just more favoritism and back room dealing by the former JPA board chair?