



## STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

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March 2, 2026

The Honorable Trent Kelly  
2243 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for City of Hernando – Grant Request for Fire Station #4

Dear Congressman Kelly:

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Hernando's request for \$10,500,000 in FY2027 federal funding to construct Hernando Fire Department Station #4.

Hernando is one of Mississippi's fastest-growing communities, with significant residential and industrial expansion occurring along the I-269 corridor. As growth continues, maintaining strong fire protection standards is essential not only for life safety but also for preserving favorable insurance classifications for homeowners and businesses.

Over the past fifteen years, the City has proactively expanded its fire protection capabilities, adding two new stations and operating three fully staffed, 24-hour facilities. These strategic investments enabled Hernando to achieve a Class 5 fire rating, directly lowering property insurance premiums for residents and commercial property owners.

However, continued expansion has created the need for a fourth fire station near Green T Road and I-269. Fire Station #4 will house department command staff and support up to two engine companies, ensuring appropriate response times and maintaining the standards necessary to protect the City's fire classification.

This project represents a critical investment in risk reduction, property protection, and long-term insurance stability. Federal partnership will allow the City to maintain its fire rating and protect policyholders from increased premiums that could result from diminished response capacity.

I respectfully urge your favorable consideration and support of this important public safety and risk mitigation investment.

Sincerely,

Mike Chaney  
Commissioner of Insurance  
State Fire Marshal

Reed Abraham  
State Fire Coordinator  
Director of Fire Services

March 4, 2026

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As an insurance professional of 47 years, I respectfully urge your favorable consideration and support of this important public safety and risk mitigation investment.

Sincerely,

Mathew W. Lipscomb III

Higginbotham Insurance/ Lipscomb & Pitts Insurance



**DeSoto County Board of Supervisors**

March 3, 2026

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This project is essential to protecting lives and property, maintaining emergency response standards, and supporting responsible economic development in DeSoto County and North Mississippi. Federal partnership will allow the City to address this critical infrastructure need without placing undue burden on local taxpayers.

We respectfully urge your favorable consideration and support of this important funding request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jessie L. Medley".



# DESOTO COUNTY SCHOOLS

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February 25, 2026

The Honorable Trent Kelly  
2243 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Re: Support for City of Hernando – Grant Request for Fire Station #4

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Sincerely,

Cory Uselton  
Superintendent of Education  
DeSoto County Schools



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Hernando is experiencing rapid and sustained growth along the I-269 and Interstate 55 corridor. Families are moving here for our schools and quality of life, and businesses continue to invest in our community. With this growth comes a critical responsibility to ensure that every resident, employee, and visitor is protected by reliable and timely emergency services.

One of the major drivers of this growth is the new Delta Landing mixed-use development we are building located at the intersection of I-269 and Interstate 55. At full build-out, Delta Landing will include 561 single-family homes, 92 townhomes, 154 loft apartments, 35 commercial bays, and 10 outparcels planned for restaurants, a hotel, and other businesses, along with a \$38 million YMCA facility featuring a water park and natatorium that will serve thousands of families and host school and regional athletic events.

This level of development will bring thousands of new residents, employees, and visitors into the immediate service area of the proposed fire station. Combined with increased traffic along two major highway corridors, the need for expanded fire protection in this area is both immediate and essential.

Over the past fifteen years, Hernando has proactively strengthened its fire protection by adding two stations and maintaining three fully staffed, 24-hour facilities. These investments helped the City achieve a Class 5 fire rating, improving public safety and lowering insurance costs for homeowners and businesses. However, continued growth now requires a fourth station near Green T Road and I-269 to maintain safe response times and proper coverage for rapidly developing residential, commercial, and industrial areas.

Fire Station #4 is vital to protecting lives, supporting responsible economic growth, and ensuring that our emergency services keep pace with our community's expansion. Federal partnership will allow the City to meet this critical infrastructure need without placing undue burden on local taxpayers.

I respectfully urge your favorable consideration of this important funding request.

Sincerely,

Jerry and Jackie McBride  
Developer/Owner

# Mississippi House of Representatives

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## REPRESENTATIVE RODNEY HALL

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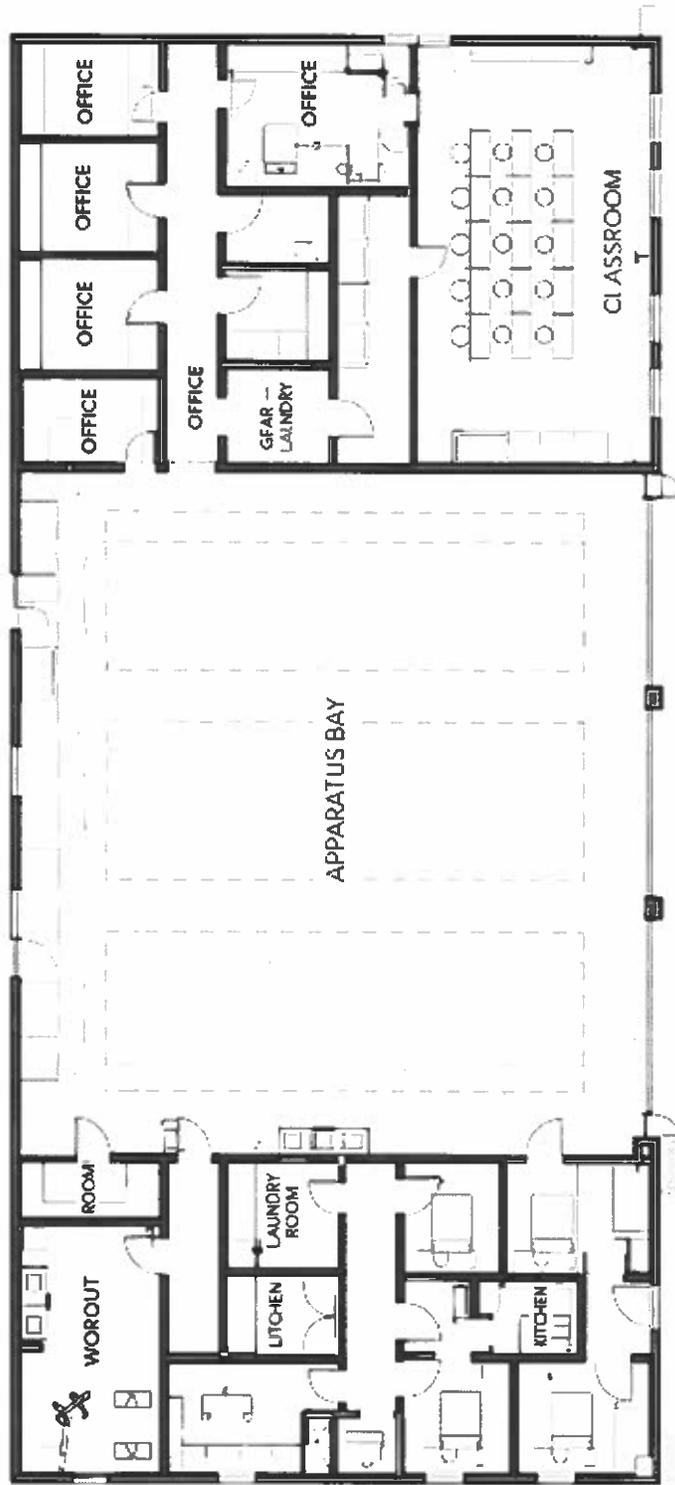
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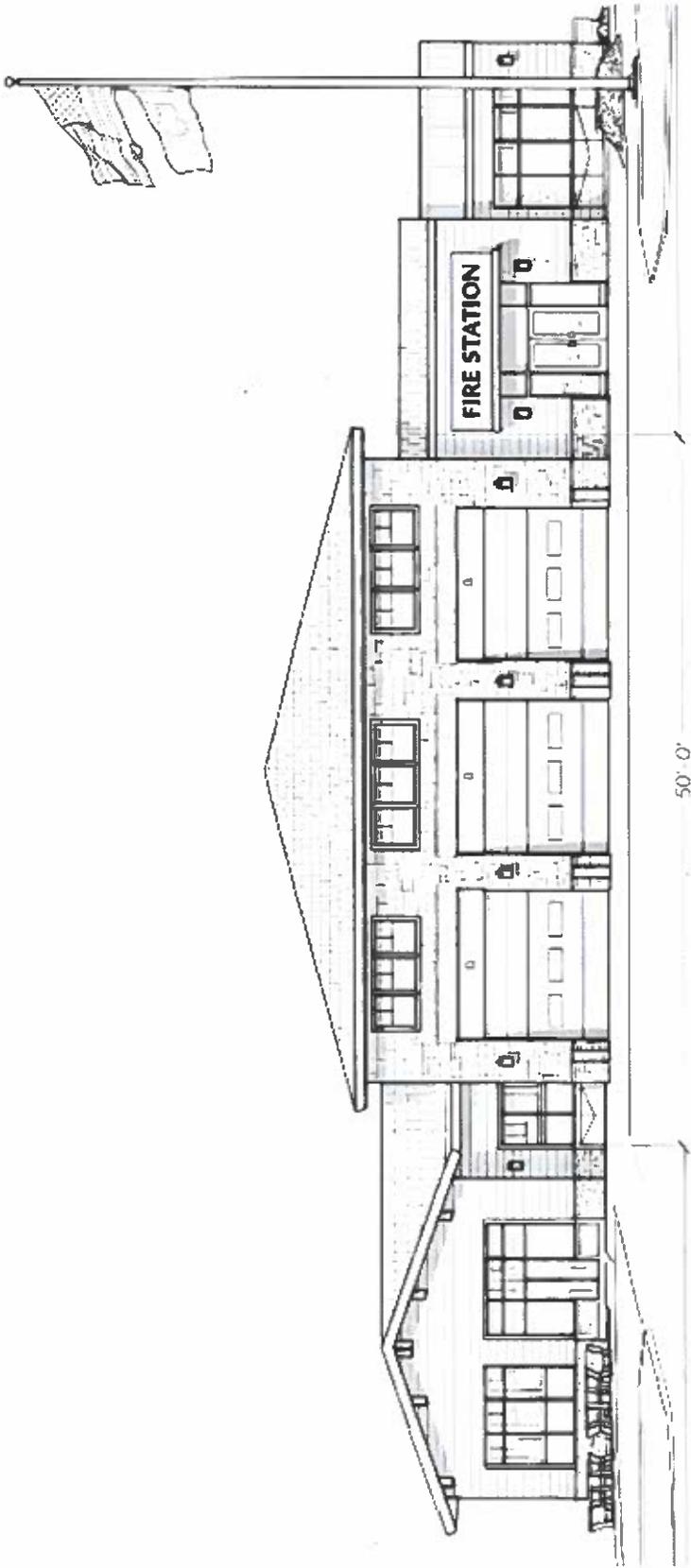
  
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