



TOWN OF JUPITER

IMPLEMENTATION OF JFRD PUSHES ON DESPITE OUTSIDE MONEY, INFLUENCE

Recently, you may have received an email from a big money Political Action Committee (PAC) called “Jupiter Residents to KEEP Palm Beach County Firefighters.” We apologize for the tone and misinformation in this email. Their anger is directed at the Town, and shouldn’t be taken out on our residents.

The PAC’s latest email uses strong, misleading language to imply that the Town is suing its residents. In fact, given that the Town is made up of its tax-paying residents, and given that the Political Action Committee is made up of the union, Professional Firefighters/Paramedics of Palm Beach County Local 2928, it is actually the opposite. **Local 2928 is suing the Residents of Jupiter** in an attempt to change the Town Charter to state that Palm Beach County Fire Rescue must be the only service provider of fire and emergency services. **The Town, responding on behalf of its residents, filed a suit against the union’s PAC** maintaining that the referendum question was not legally valid. The Town is fighting to maintain local control, and keep outside money and influences out of Jupiter.

Many residents may have felt pressured into signing the petition last Fall by those who went door-to-door or stood outside of local stores. The language of the petition was confusing, and the claims being made by the paid “volunteers” and union members, stating claims such as that fire stations were being closed and firefighters fired, were misleading. This was by design. The union’s outside money is being used to try to directly influence how the Town of Jupiter is governed, and how much (or how little) public safety services are offered to Town residents.

This Political Action Committee is organized and funded by Local 2928 and organized by a well-known political organizer in Gainesville. They are upset with the Town’s decision to start its own fire rescue and emergency services department, and for cancelling its contract with Palm Beach County, who was looking to significantly increase costs to Jupiter taxpayers. The union has a contract with their employer, Palm Beach County, and not the Town. Instead of working with Palm Beach County to develop a workable, affordable contract with the Town, the union has targeted the Town and its residents. The union knows that without the inflated revenue

from Jupiter taxpayers, it will be harder for them to secure the increases they want in their upcoming contract negotiations with the County.

It's important to the Town that residents have all of the information about who is communicating to them when the Political Action Committee sends out these communications. All PAC's are required to report their contributions and expenses on a quarterly basis, and the union PAC's latest financials show that out of a total of \$214,410 in contributions, only \$35 was received from 2 Jupiter residents. The balance (99.9%) was received from the Union. You can view the financial report from the PAC [here](#), and the documents establishing the PAC [here](#). The website for the Union can be found [here](#).

The Jupiter Fire Rescue Department, which is now in the implementation phase, is being built to offer residents excellent levels of service at a sustainable cost. The JFRD will proudly begin service on October 1, 2026. While Jupiter has grown in many ways, it still maintains that small-town feel that so many love and call home. The Union and its PAC are trying to change that with their outside money, influences and pressures. But we remain strongly, uniquely Jupiter.

Information on this issue and the formation of the Jupiter Fire Rescue Department is available at jupiter.fl.us/FireRescue. If you have any questions or would like to contact the Town regarding this or any issue, please reach out via JupConnect, or email us at TownCouncil@jupiter.fl.us and/or info@jupiter.fl.us.
