



September 29, 2014

The Honorable Nancy O'Malley
District Attorney
Alameda County
1225 Fallon Street, Suite 900
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear District Attorney O'Malley:

Early yesterday morning, the City of Alameda was victim to a series of suspicious fires set within a four hour period. Many lives were put at risk. Some residents had to flee from their burning homes in the dark. We were very fortunate that no one was injured or killed. In all, eleven properties were affected: one suffered minor damage, seven were severely damaged, and three were destroyed. Five businesses have been shuttered; five residential units have been rendered uninhabitable.

The City of Alameda Police Department arrested two men for suspicion of arson, and will be presenting the police reports, statements, and physical evidence to your office tomorrow.

I ask that you charge the suspects for the crimes for which they were arrested. Your office will receive the full cooperation from the City of Alameda's Police and Fire Departments with the prosecution.

If the men are convicted, I ask that you seek the maximum punishment allowed under the law.

On behalf of the City of Alameda, I thank you for all your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marie Gilmore".

Marie Gilmore
Mayor

cc: City Manager John Russo
Police Chief Paul Rolleri
Fire Chief Mike D'Orazi