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**Lompoc City Council**

100 Civic Center Plaza

Lompoc, CA 93436

**Re: Strong Opposition to City Council's Decision Not to Fund the Lompoc Chamber of Commerce**

To the Lompoc City Council,

I am writing to express my strong and unequivocal disagreement with the Council's recent decision not to fund the Lompoc Chamber of Commerce. As a local business owner of several businesses, this decision is deeply disappointing and reflects a short-sighted approach that undermines the growth, visibility, and economic stability of our community.

The Chamber of Commerce plays a critical role in supporting local businesses, attracting new opportunities, and promoting Lompoc as a place to invest, visit, and thrive. By choosing to withhold funding, the Council is effectively undercutting an organization that has consistently worked to uplift our local economy and provide essential services to businesses that are the backbone of this city.

Your decision sends the wrong message — that Lompoc does not value or support the very organizations that advocate for our business community. At a time when economic development, tourism, and business resilience are more important than ever, turning your back on the Chamber is not only irresponsible but damaging to the future of our city.

I urge you to reconsider this decision immediately. Continued failure to support the Lompoc Chamber will have lasting consequences on public perception, community morale, and the city's ability to retain and attract business. I, and many others, will not quietly accept this dismissal of one of our community's strongest assets.

Sincerely,

**Heather Bedford**