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Hi all,

I am a small business owner at 111 1/2 S H Street in Old town. I own a secondhand baby, children's and women's store called Thrift. that is boutique style. I have a huge following of stay at home moms, working moms, dads and grandparents that are locally based here in Lompoc, building more than just a secondhand store, but a network for families to use.

I'm writing because I'm very disappointed in the fact that you are defunding the chamber, who else do small businesses look to when we have a problem or need help advertising? The city of Lompoc is already stretched thin and is hard to get a hold of and frankly hasn't really been on the side of small businesses. Largely, I am most disappointed in the fact that there will no longer be a Old Town Market, this is one of the only free events that is a great place for families to gather and get to know their community. It never really benefitted my business in old town so I'm not writing because I'll lose out on business, I'm writing because our community is losing out on something very special. My daughter performs at old town with Garcia dance company, local artisans and crafters get to vend and showcase their work they would have no where else to. I started as a crafting vendor and vended this event years ago which led me to talking with the community and being asked to vend at a winery because of old town market.

There's not much else to look forward to in the city of Lompoc, we actually go elsewhere for events such as SLO farmers market, etc and the decision is only going to force others to neglect anything our city offers. Families look for things to do, most importantly free events so they will go elsewhere and spend their money outside of the city. I really hope you rescind your decision and think about the families and invest in the future of your citizens and their small children.

Thank you
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