

June 11, 2025

Lompoc City Council

City Hall
100 Civic Center Plaza
Lompoc, CA 93436

Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing to express my deep concern and disappointment over the recent 4-1 vote to drastically cut funding to the Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce—without dialogue or opportunity for public response. This decision, which will force the Chamber to close its doors on June 30th, is a blow not only to the organization itself but to our entire community.

The Chamber is not merely an office. It is the heart of civic progress and a vital connector between residents, businesses, youth, and regional leadership. Over the years, it has quietly but powerfully supported programs and services that directly shape Lompoc's future. Its absence will leave a void that cannot easily be filled.

On a more personal level, I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact the Chamber has had. My daughter participated in an internship through the Chamber during her senior year of high school. That experience not only offered her valuable real-world skills, but it also led to a \$5,000 scholarship that helped make college a reality. Without that support, her academic journey—and those of many other students to come—will have faced financial hardship negatively impacting their college options and future.

This sudden closure threatens the future of such opportunities for our youth and compromises the strength and voice of our local small businesses. I urge the city to investigate the circumstances surrounding this closure and consider taking immediate steps to support or restore the functions the Chamber once provided.

Our community needs advocates, connections, and opportunities. We cannot afford to lose one of the few organizations that champions all three. I urge you to reconsider this decision. At the very least, I ask that the city delay action until a proper dialogue with the public and business community can take place. We deserve to be heard before such a vital institution is dismantled.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to our city.

Please stand with us. Restore the funding. Support the Chamber. Support Lompoc.

Sincerely,

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