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June 17, 2025

Subject: Support for the Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce – Request for Reconsideration of Funding Decision

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the Lompoc City Council,

The following letter expresses support for the Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce and its contributions to the local community and business environment.

As a member for over 40 years, the Chamber has helped to support our organization and has had a significant positive impact on fostering economic growth, promoting local businesses, and enhancing the overall vitality of the city of Lompoc.

The Chamber consistently provides vital support and resources to businesses of all sizes. These include networking opportunities, advocacy on behalf of the business community, and access to educational and professional development programs.

Specifically, the Chamber plays a crucial role in:

- Promoting local businesses through events, directories, and marketing initiatives
- Advocating favorable policies serving as a collective voice for businesses, working with policymakers to create a positive and supportive business environment
- Providing valuable resources, training, and support, enabling businesses to thrive and adapt to changing market conditions

An example of exceptional programming that could be lost is the Leadership Lompoc Valley. This program has been a game-changer to YMCA staff and others within the community for over 40 years. This program helps to provide a special understanding of the greater Lompoc Valley community while also developing leadership skills.

The Chamber is a vital partner to the City to Lompoc, not a burden and your funding helps sustain a legacy of collaboration, growth, and service to the entire community.

Please reconsider the funding decision and help to drive economic development that benefits the entire community of the greater Lompoc Valley.

Sincerely,

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