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Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

I am writing as both a proud member of the Lompoc community and an active member of the Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce, where I've served on the Board for Leadership Lompoc Valley as Treasurer for the past three years. I'm deeply concerned about the recent decision to cut funding to the Chamber—an organization that plays a vital and irreplaceable role in our city.

The Chamber does far more than host ribbon cuttings. It helps define Lompoc's identity and sets us apart from other communities through programs and events that bring our town to life—most notably, the beloved Old Town Market during the summer months. These markets are more than just evenings out; they create connection, support small businesses, and foster pride in our unique culture.

The Chamber is also a key partner in city events like the 135th Birthday Celebration, and offers ongoing resources to help our small businesses grow and succeed. It supports our military families, and cultivates future leaders through programs like Youth Leadership Lompoc Valley—giving our young people direction, opportunity, and a sense of purpose in a town too often labeled as having “nothing to do.”

Behind all of this work are just two committed and deeply dedicated people who keep the Chamber running. They don't do this for recognition—they do it because they love Lompoc and believe in its potential. Devika, in particular, has gone above and beyond, devoting her time, energy, and heart to ensure that small businesses get the attention and support they deserve. She is also a tireless advocate for our youth, ensuring they have safe, positive, and meaningful opportunities to engage with their community. Her work fills a critical gap in a city where young people are often overlooked.

As a Chamber member, I actively participate in the many opportunities they provide to network, grow, lead, and give back. I know firsthand how impactful this organization is—not just for businesses like mine, but for the greater good of Lompoc.

Personally, I have benefited from the many networking, leadership, and growth opportunities the Chamber provides, and I reinvest those benefits right back into our community every day through my business and community involvement.

Cutting funding to the Chamber might look like a budget decision on paper, but the real cost will be paid by the community: our small businesses, our youth, and our sense of local pride. I urge the Council to reconsider and reinstate this essential support. The Chamber is not a luxury—it's a lifeline.

I strongly urge the Council to reconsider and reinstate funding to the Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce. It's not just about keeping the lights on—it's about keeping the spirit of Lompoc alive in a world where small towns are constantly being overshadowed.

With sincere concern and unwavering commitment to our community,

Warmly,

Lynnsy Obert

Proud Lompoc Chamber Member & Community Advocate

P.S. Please respond to this email so that I know it was received, I am unable to attend this evening due to a recent surgery.

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