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Good evening, Mayor and Council Members,

My name is Farin Gray, and I've been a resident of Lompoc for over 35 years. I'm here tonight to ask you to reconsider any cuts to funding for the Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Over the years, I've seen firsthand the positive impact the Chamber has had on our community. Events like Old Town Trick or Treating, the Old Town Market, and Small Business Saturday have become cherished traditions. These events don't just bring people together, they support our local economy and give families and businesses something to look forward to. These programs help build the identity and spirit of Lompoc.

I also want to highlight the long-term value of programs like Youth Leadership Lompoc Valley. As a youth, I participated in that program and it was such a meaningful experience that it stuck with me into adulthood. It's a program that invests in the future leaders of our community, and that kind of opportunity is irreplaceable.

Cutting funding to the Chamber would be a huge loss. It would mean fewer events, less support for small businesses, and less advocacy for the very people who make this town what it is.

I urge you to maintain your support for the Chamber and all the work they do to enrich our city. Thank you for your time and for your service to Lompoc.

Farin Gray