



Dear Mayor Mosby and Lompoc City Council Members,

June 17, 2025

As Board Chair of Leadership Lompoc Valley I would like to express my deep concern about the sudden and severe budget cut to our Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce. My Board and I, in true partnership with Chamber staff, have worked very hard over the last 3 years to bring LLV back from the complete closure of the program during COVID, updating the program, creating all new management documents, and forging new relationships and networks to support the mission and the program. Since then we have had three very successful years of classes, culminating just last month with the biggest class in almost 10 years graduating and celebrating the 40th anniversary of Leadership Lompoc Valley.

It is extremely disheartening and demoralizing that all of that volunteer work to build and support community could be lost due to internal issues between the City and the Chamber. We understand the intricacies of partnerships and budgetary demands but are extremely disappointed with the severity of this cut and the way it has been handled. The Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce, and Leadership Lompoc Valley, are well respected organizations within Lompoc and should be regarded as partnerships that can build toward continued positive growth for our Community.

Please reconsider this unsustainable budget cut to the Chamber of Commerce and work to find a path that supports the history of our programs and respects and upholds the untold number of hours volunteered to build and maintain these important community efforts.

In Community,

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