



Dear County Commissioners,

Thank you for your consideration of this workforce housing development. On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce we would like to share our full support for the Lower Valley Energy Rezone application for the following reasons:

1. Lower Valley Energy provides an essential service that everyone of us relies upon. We rely on them most during a time of crisis when many of us are safely inside our homes during a harsh winter storm and LVE personnel are outside resolving power outages.
2. This is a self-funded workforce housing development; an excellent example of a private employer stepping up to house their workforce.
3. By Housing critical workers locally, this development will directly respond to and provide SOLUTIONS for three important community trends identified as red flags in the annual indicator report:
  - Increasing Green House Gas emissions (from commuting)
  - The percentage of the workforce living locally remains in slow decline (57% to 56% since 2017), while we retain the goal of housing 65% locally.
  - Rising vehicle/wildlife collisions

Leadership takes all forms, and this is a time we urge the Commissioners to facilitate private sector workforce housing by allowing an upzone in a logical space for the employer, the employees (and their families), and our community. We will continue to rely on Lower Valley Energy and we are fortunate to know (like in the past) they will respond with speed, service and reliability. Our community should show our support for them during this non-emergency moment in time, and allow them to house their workforce to be ready for next time we will call on them.

Yours sincerely,

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