



Young Professionals Network Board of Directors support a “Yes” vote on the Brown Ranch Annexation

The Young Professionals Network (YPN) is dedicated to building community by empowering the next generation of leaders. The YPN board works to make the Yampa Valley a better place to live for young professionals. The Young Professionals Network board of Directors is encouraging a “Yes” vote to Ordinance No. 2933.

Over the past year, YPN has been focused on providing balanced education and feedback opportunities specific to housing and the Brown Ranch annexation to our Board and membership. In May of 2023, we conducted a [housing survey](#) for our membership in partnership with the Brown Ranch Annexation Committee. The survey showed 67% of participants worry that high housing costs will force them to leave Steamboat Springs. It also showed that 63.4% of respondents spend more than 30% of their income on housing, the federally recommended percentage.

During our February 2024 Board of Directors meeting, we held presentations to help inform our Board of Directors on the annexation issue. Following this meeting, we sent the Steamboat Springs Chamber survey to YPN members. The [survey results](#) showed a simple majority of respondents and 61.9% of Chamber member respondents support the Brown Ranch annexation. In addition, 87.2% of Chamber member respondents wanted the Steamboat Springs Chamber to take either a support or informational position. We are appreciative of all the feedback from the community and young professionals.

The YPN Board of Directors believes annexing this property is the best way forward to support the needs of young professionals. We support the goals of the annexation agreement between The Yampa Valley Housing Authority (YVHA) and the City of Steamboat Springs, and we are confident the provisions of the agreement protect the City and hold YVHA accountable through the stages of development. Should the annexation pass, we are committed to advocating for our young professionals’ needs and concerns throughout the Brown Ranch planning and development process.

Sincerely,

The Young Professionals Network Board of Directors