

September 2, 2014

Santa Barbara Foundation
1111 Chapala Street, Suite 200
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the City of Lompoc, my City Council colleagues and I would strongly encourage the Santa Barbara Foundation to select Lompoc Valley Community Healthcare Organization's grant application for improvements to the structure and vitality and arts and culture of Old Town Lompoc with the Creative Crosswalk Concept.

This item was brought to the Lompoc City Council for collaborative consideration and the vote was unanimous, with the feeling the Creative Crosswalks idea is a perfect fit for our involvement, support and collaboration. This program is innovative and complimentary to meeting our community's goal of encouraging a walkable city, as well as invigorating our well-established mural program, also located in the Old Town corridor. When it was conceived over 25 years ago, the Lompoc Valley Murals brought a vibrancy and sense of pride to the Old Town area and drew both locals and visitors outdoors. Creative Crosswalks will continue that tradition with a new canvas and its unique appeal to both young and old, local and visiting, artists and patrons.

The City of Lompoc understands the Lompoc Valley Community Healthcare Organization's project requires a strong network of supporting community partners and businesses to create systemic change, improve the Lompoc community, and serve as a model of effective practices for increasing the walkability of our town and thereby increasing the economic impact of shopping local, in addition to increasing tourism specifically related to the public art form. We, therefore, commit ourselves to strengthening this network in supporting this concept and grant application. If you have any questions, then please feel free to contact me at (805) 315-7058.

Sincerely,

John H. Linn, Mayor
City of Lompoc

c: Honorable Lompoc City Council Members
Patrick Wiemiller, City Administrator