



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

December 7, 2021

RE: Public Comment – December 7, 2021 – Channel Islands YMCA – Lompoc branch

To: Stacy Haddon, City Clerk - Lompoc

From: Thomas Speidel – Regional Executive Director

CC: Mayor Jenelle Osborne, Council Members – Gilda Cordova, Victor Vega, Dirk Starbuck, and Jeremy Ball, City Manager – Jim Throop, and Police Chief – Joseph Mariani

On behalf of the Lompoc Family YMCA Board of Managers, staff, volunteers, and the communities we serve appreciate your support. At the Y, we focus on youth development, social responsibility, and healthy living while incorporating good character and positive values in everything we do.

For over 40 years, we have been serving the greater Lompoc Valley community through YMCA programs to make this a better place. We believe everyone matters, everyone counts, and everyone gets a chance.

We apologize for not being in-person with you tonight. But we wanted to take a moment update you on some key YMCA initiatives for the City of Lompoc before year-end.

First, we want to thank Mayor Osborne and council members for your continued support of the YMCA. Amidst the challenges of COVID-19, you have continued to be supportive of our work in helping to serve the youth and families of our community.

We also would like to thank Police Chief Mariani for meeting with us recently to review safety and security measures for our location. His commitment to support local business and non-profits is imperative for our success.

Second, the Y in 2021 is currently serving eight of the ten elementary schools in Lompoc through licensed childcare and camp programs providing over \$100,000 annually in financial assistance.

This year, one of our highlights included offering "The Horizon's program". Horizons is a measurable and intense three-year, summer program for youth ages 8 to 12 years old. All participants and their families are specifically selected due to being at-risk youth and they are asked to commit to a three-year program. The Y gathers data on attendance, behavior, academic attitudes and growth, etc. Students are assessed at the beginning and end of the program. To reach these goals, we remove a barrier of participation and ensure no one is turned away from our programs and services due to an inability to pay.

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In 2021, the Y collaborated with several organizations to support the program including:

Lompoc Unified School District
Lompoc Police Department
Allan Hancock College
Lompoc Community Garden Committee
C.A.R.E.4Paws
Our County Our Kids
Grocery Outlet
Cristi Brooks-Montgomery, Family Lawyer

Enclosed is a summary of the program.

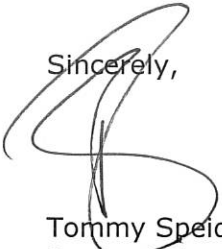
Finally, the Y is currently working on submitting through the CDBG 2021-22 a request to support this program now and in the future.

We would also encourage you to consider the YMCA life-changing program and services as a part of the upcoming federal recovery funds.

Every day, we work side-by-side with our neighbors in Lompoc to make sure that everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive. We appreciate partners like you, which to support the mission of the YMCA.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Tommy Speidel
Regional Executive Director

CC:
Stephanie Saucedo, Program Director
Lompoc Family YMCA, Board of Managers