From: Lori Weston
To: Kim Ward
Cc: Chamber of Commerce (directors@phchamber.org)
Subject: Re: Board Meeting 04/21/21
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 5:34:31 PM

Hi Kim I am out in the field, I would like to ask that you pass the following information to the board for review and consideration.

Directors

My name is Lori Weston, I moved my family and business to the tri community in 1994.
As a business owner for over 30 years, I have carried many titles not the least of which is that of a parent.
As a parent for nearly 50 years, I have seen many changes in both mindset and perspective of overall civic duty & responsibility, community involvement, cultural norms within our public schools and the overall embracing of social changes.
The change that concerns me today is the general acquiescence to certain living conditions that would not have been accepted in days gone by.

As a young parent raising two boys life was not always easy and for the most part a definite challenge. I can honestly say however, that at no time did my sons ever feel afraid within the community around them or within their own home.

As a child living in the suburbs of Los Angeles during the 60s, I personally lived near the Watts riots, living a mere 6 miles from the hot zones, I never felt fear in my home. Why, because of the trust and respect I was taught to have in those agencies responsible for protecting and serving the community.

Today as a Civic leader and local resident I am appalled at the number of individuals that I meet, who no longer feel safe in their own homes. Individuals who no longer feel that they can safely hike local trails that they have been traversing so openly for the last 30 years. Not because the properties are now privately owned rather because of the conditions allowed to remain unchecked.

I have recently been made aware of the thefts occurring against the CSD properties, infrastructure assets and the water itself. I have learned that the CSD has contracted with a security company to protect its holdings and interest. While the preservation of assets and properties is the responsibility of all owners; I do not believe that this should be a sole financial responsibility in the case of a public utility, or that of special districts operating under a county umbrella.

As a rural community we are all aware of the limited financial resources allotted to the area as it relates to public service agencies including those of law enforcement, code enforcement and fire protection.

Just so you know I am in support of an initiative to stop all illegal activity in our area and I am actively reaching out to those government agencies that need to put more funding in the budgets and boots on the ground for this area.

I will be spearheading a written campaign to elected officials to reverse this egregious

oversight. Drawing support in the form of written affirmation by local residents and business owners.

My message here today is update you on the efforts of the Pinon Hills Chamber of commerce and myself in particular as an honored president for nearly eight consecutive years.

I would ask that this agency support the initiative to stop illegal activity in this area by a show of support in the form of posting the form letter on public display boards. As the letter has not been composed in its entirety, I do not have one to present this evening.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my words and hear my request.

On Wed, Apr 21, 2021, 10:03 AM Kim Ward <KWard@pphcsd.org> wrote:

> You can talk about that during public comment. Are you attending in person or via zoom?
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Apr 21, 2021, at 10:02 AM, Lori Weston <law.ph.chamber@gmail.com> wrote:
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> Good morning Kim,
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> In follow-up to my voice message of a few minutes ago, I am requesting an opportunity to address the board regarding the increasing illegal activity taking place in the community.
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> Please advise,
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