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Subject: Written Comment – Item #16 (Chamber Contract)
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Dear Mayor Anstead and Councilmembers,

As a business owner and board member of the Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce, I am urging the council to support the Chamber contract that provides vital resources for businesses, like mine, that choose the City of Agoura Hills. The Chamber provides a variety of services that benefit small businesses and large employers alike, while being recognized in the top 1% of Chambers nationwide with a 5-Star accreditation from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Our Chamber is focused on promoting the economic success of its members and strengthening the local business community, which includes the important role of representing business interests with government. We also believe our Board should have the ability to make policy decisions in the best interest of member businesses.

We appreciate the longstanding City partnership and look forward to continuing to promote a vibrant economy in the City of Agoura Hills together.

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Dear Mayor Anstead and City Councilmembers,

On behalf of the Homewood Suites by Hilton in Agoura Hills, I am writing to express our support of the Chamber contract renewal continuing the city's longtime partnership with the Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce. Over the past 12 years, our hotel has have benefitted from the Chamber's targeted resources combined with the ability to connect businesses, nonprofits and government across our region. The Chamber continuously works as a problem solver to meet the needs of local employers which included hosting a Job Fair in 2021 as local companies worked to rebuild their workforce.

The Chamber is an incredible benefit to the companies that choose to do business in Agoura Hills and we encourage the City's continued partnership.

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Dear Mayor Anstead and City Councilmembers,

The Sheraton Agoura Hills Hotel has been member of the Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce for over 15 years. As a major employer in Agoura Hills, we are a strong supporter of the work the Chamber does for our local businesses and the community-at-large. Throughout the pandemic their team truly embodied the “voice of business” creating a coalition of LA County businesses and nonprofits, including the Sheraton, requesting a variance to align with business practices in neighboring Ventura County and continuously identified resources including PPE supplies and grants that benefited many local businesses during the pandemic.

We respectfully request you support the contract renewal and provide autonomy for the Chamber to do what is in the best interests of their business members.

Best,



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From: [Peter Lee](#)
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Mayor Anstead and Councilmembers,

As the owner of Tavern Tomoko and Ladyface Brewery in Agoura Hills, I would like to express my support of the Chamber's contract renewal.

I took over Ladyface Alehouse in October 2019 and relaunched Tavern Tomoko and Ladyface Brewery on March 12, 2020. Five days later, we were closed down due to COVID pandemic. As a first-time restaurant owner faced with the largest economic disruption in modern history, I saw first-hand how important the Chamber's leadership was throughout the pandemic and beyond. They kept businesses updated on continuously changing health orders, provided free PPE (including face shields when they were mandated by LA County for restaurants), connected businesses to grant resources, convened businesses to provide feedback to elected officials, and advocated for additional PPP funding for highly impacted industries including restaurants.

We regularly host events for the Chamber's Emerging Leaders group and appreciate the opportunity to convene with business and community leaders at the annual State of the City Address. The Chamber has been an invaluable resource for small businesses like myself and I hope that the City will renew their contract with the Chamber so that they can continue to provide the support and services for small businesses like myself. Thank you.

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