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Hello Claudia.

Please accept this letter on behalf of member of the MacPAC committee in support of the revenue resolution on the docket for city council on November 9th. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Kevin Chambers, MBA

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On November 9th 2021, the McMinnville City Council will vote on a revenue package resolution adding new sustainable revenue sources for the City of McMinnville. The McMinnville Programming Advisory Committee (Mac Pac) is writing to support the effort to create and maintain those new revenue sources.

At the beginning of this process, we challenged ourselves to 'dream high.' We envisioned a state-of-the-art recreation center, a beautiful new library building, and a refurbished senior center. Our discussions eventually led to a consideration of funding the construction and the ongoing service of these new facilities. Financial constraints pushed us to prioritizing the needs and wants of our community. One thing was for certain, the facilities we created for the community's future could not be sustainably operated on the city's current service levels.

We are in the process of finalizing our final report to council, which will lay out the facilities in varying levels of service and investment.

Hopefully, in a few years we will get to construct great new facilities for our community. But just building it won't be enough. We have listened to the city staff members reporting to us and we've learned the importance of programing within these spaces, to have staff and funds to create a vibrant community alive with enrichment and activities which utilize the full potential of the buildings. A portion of these funds will need to come from the city budget. Sustainable funding of our city budget is critical for us to have a successful programs to fill our new facilities.

At the beginning of this process, we were asked to view our charge through a diversity, equity, and inclusion lens. To think about our whole community, now and in the future. We believe that these new facilities and the programming they contain will make our city better. They will drive business to McMinnville, create community, and provide a much-demanded service. But only if we can afford to have them and only if we continue to invest in them.

Therefore, the below members of the Mac Pac committee support the resolution to add sustainable funding sources for the City of McMinnville and continue to fund higher levels of service for the future of McMinnville:

Anna Barsotti Martin Purdy

Duane Bond Ken Rolfe

Kevin Chambers Dianne Shea

Andrew Jones Sara Tucholsky

Rony Lucas Miriam Vargas Corona

Lisa Macy-Baker

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