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Subject: Support Fund

Monica,

Please pass to council members and town counsel

Dear Council and Counsel,

Respectfully, I am the organizer and founder of the Community Support Fund.

Since inception, the fund has distributed some \$180,000 of the \$220,000 that I raised, and I was the largest contributor to the fund. Grants or gifts/donation have been made to a good range of community and Star Valley initiatives.

The set up and ongoing operational structure and standing precedence has been that any and all contributions would be/had to be endorsed unanimously by myself as the organizer and the mayor. That precedence has operated well and consistently throughout the prior mayor and the current mayor's term, till recently.

We understand the town wants to, or the current Mayor now wishes to remove themselves from the administration of the fund and cause a wind-up of the fund. I am very happy to support that.

The mayor has said he intends to distribute the funds to the airpark HOA or to the fire department. That has potential implications to the town, potential recipients, and the donors.

We think it best to stick with consistent operational precedence as a smooth and easy conclusion to the Fund's distributions. We have suggested a bit broader alternative that supports a final embrace of the fire department, cross country trails maintenance, geology kids summer classes, and a final pilot training scholarship. Each of these represent a program that has been a past recipient and was highly regarded in its conduct, action, and purpose.

We have proposed \$15,000 to fire, and \$15,000 to the pilot training program and the balance split between the trails and geology programs.

We do feel that the trails program is especially important to both the community and the council. Councilman Jeremy Larsen was inappropriately, with malice, accused by a non-resident of a conflict which everyone on the council now and prior, I would think, views absurd. The man has donated his very own grooming times for massive hours over time and is no more in a conflict than other council members. Such an accusation

hurts the community and the council, and 100's of citizens and visitors enjoying the health and recreation of the trails every year.

Under this proposed windup, the fire department will also be the largest recipient of support funds equal to the hospital at \$50,000.

If the history and operational integrity of this fund is to be changed by council, I must take exception. Best to conclude with the precedence of starting and ongoing operational integrity. I am so supportive of a wind up - one that grants a bit of range to serve our best past beneficiaries, including EMS/fire, and very open to feedback.

Kindly,

Steven