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Dear KURA Board Members,

I am writing in regards in agenda item #4: Request for Board direction regarding request for reimbursement of public amenities at Bluebird Community Village - Executive Director Jade Riley

I apologize for not being able to attend this afternoon's meeting in person – I will be in Carey hunting for a site for a possible community center.

I applaud the KURA's transparency in setting the fiscal year 2026 funding priorities. This commitment to forward, strategic planning is actually one that Blaine County is taking a major stride toward today, with an inaugural meeting to start to create a 3-5 year capital plan. I believe that all our local governments and boards are working toward being more transparent and accountable to our taxpayers.

I hope that you will find this helpful as you consider whether or not to reopen the discussion of the KURA's FY2026 priorities: when speaking with local Ketchum business owners, I have heard a strong preference for an increased amount of infrastructure upgrades, with a focus on "back to basics." This includes, but is not limited to:

- Accelerated upgrade of power infrastructure for increased reliability and preservation of scenic values
- Accelerated upgrade of sewer and water infrastructure for reliability, particularly during peak winter revenue months, where a day of burst pipes can have major fiscal impacts.

I have also heard interest in expanding the Mountain Rides van service option for local businesses, which allows for increased carpooling among employees. This helps with employee retention and reliability, particularly as the community faces multiple years of highway 75 construction.

Finally, if the Board does decide to reopen the FY2026 priorities because the fiscal reality has changed, I hope they will follow governance best practices and put out a public call for investment options. By having multiple funding options, it allows the Board to consider the options holistically and decide which has the best ROI. KURA funding is at the direction of the KURA Board, but as any urban renewal district

relies on funds diverted from the entire city, county, and taxing districts where it is located, everyone in our community is impacted and has a stake. I can think of several funding options that would be well worth your time and review.

Thank you,
Lindsay

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