

# Exhibit A

Town Meeting – Jan 21, 2026

## General Comment

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I come to speak at this meeting for many reasons -there is the bigger reason we are here today as business owners, as residents and as human beings who are trying to make things happen in this town. On a personal level, a little about my business and my home which are both in this town. Our 13 year business has been in Lake Park for 5 years, and many of the people on the commission don't really know what we bring to the town. We're in the business of building our future generations -our children become great, confident and positive human beings.

Businesses here are trying to expand – businesses that bring in heart felt energy are looking to grow and move to bigger spots, and much bigger players are trying to build so that all the businesses and home flourish and we have the positive flow of energy between us all that seems to be missing right now.

Children are our most precious cargo--- we know so ourselves, as we transport children from over 13 different schools in our area – every single day and bring them to our academy. And did you know not ONE of those schools are in Lake Park? We pulled a report from the last 5 years, and out of 800+ people who have either tried class, or been an actual student only 25 of them were from Lake Park. Currently – out approx. 250 students we pulled a report on (active), only “3” held a Lake Park address. We have been trying to design programs that can work to reach out youth here locally. Our dream is to accept scholarships to help our own! It would be amazing if the Town of Lake Park would have an interest and an intent in creating scholarships to help our youth. There are so many children here, right here in our backyard who need what we have to offer. We teach kids with special needs; we actually have employees who started with us as kids, with and without special needs who now work for us. There are so many businesses and people working their ass off to give to Lake Park, but I don't feel it is reciprocated. As you know we have been trying to build our home right here in Lake Park since 2023 when we acquired it, because we saw so much potential in this town. We sold our paid off home (meaning no mortgage payment) to buy this home here – the one you guys are suing us for(a humble a couple who brings life to your community; who helps people and makes a positive difference in this world). We don't have a ½ million dollar budget to fight or litigate for petty things; because we invest everything we have into our business -which is right here in Lake Park. It hurts my heart to see such a special town, with such special souls trying to make things happen, and what we get back from the town are petty code violations and lawsuits, instead of love, respect and help.

When our house is completed, it is going to be one of the most, if not the most beautiful property in Lake Park – which means the values of the other homes will increase. We bring nothing but positivity and energy, and I'm hoping to see some changes, some positivity and acts rooted in Love, Respect and Humility, which are some of the basic ingredients success. If the Town works from that angle, it will explode with success as well. There is a quote from Albert Einstein that says “Everything is energy, and that's all there is too it”, so where is the town putting their energy? I invite the Town to humbly analyze the roadblocks they are putting to those who are trying to make things happen here.

Thank you