



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
PETE MULDOON

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Wyoming Legislative Service Office
Joint Interim Corporations, Elections and Political Subdivisions Committee
200 West 24th Street
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

Dear Committee Members:

On behalf of the residents of the Town of Jackson and Teton County, we would like to thank you for your service to our great State and all of its residents. We recognize and appreciate the hard work you put in every single day to make Wyoming a better place for all of us to live. As fellow elected officials, we understand the sacrifice and commitment involved, and we sincerely thank you.

We are writing regarding the recent meeting of the Corporations Committee that was held in Jackson on September 16th. At that meeting, the Committee voted to advance a bill similar to last year's House Bill 277. This bill would remove an important tool (exactions used to mitigate housing impacts) that has been utilized by our community since 1995, and which has been instrumental in enabling us to ensure we have a local workforce that can support our local economy.

We recognize that there are members of our community who disagree with the current exaction rates, and in fact there are current elected officials of the Town and County who feel that we can and should make changes to those rates. We continue to assess the effectiveness and the fairness of our housing exactions, as we recognize many of the same concerns the Committee has discussed. We have access to and utilize extensive data and use that data to plan strategically to realize the vision that our community has adopted in its Comprehensive Plan. However, while there continues to be a robust community debate regarding the optimal housing exaction rates, we are united in our belief that those rates should be determined here locally.

The Town of Jackson and Teton County have been engaged in long-range strategic planning for many years. We began with the 1994 Comprehensive Plan and adopted a new Comprehensive Plan

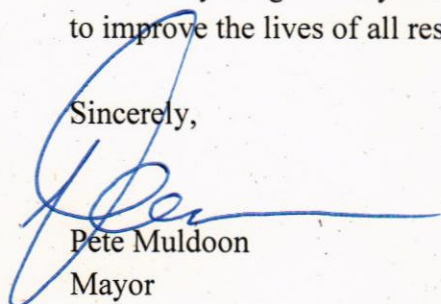
in 2012 after a long period of community reflection, engagement, and participation. We believe that this plan has served us well, and that our diverse and highly resilient economy is evidence that local planning works. The housing exaction tool is only one of the many tactics we use to ensure our success, but it is an important one, and it is integrated into and essential to the strategies that we have adopted.

2019-2020 is an important year for our community as we work to update our Comprehensive Plan and strive to find the correct balance between our ecosystem, economy, housing, and transportation goals. This work will also help us to better understand how growth and other factors over the past decade have benefitted and impacted the community. In addition, over the next 12 months we commit to engage in a new Housing Nexus study in order to better understand what type and the location of new jobs being created and how they impact or fit into our local economy. Upon the conclusion of these two integrated planning efforts we will be in a position to better understand the amount and type of housing exaction that is right for Teton County. We assure you we are committed, serious, and excited to complete this work locally in a timely manner to best serve the needs of our local community and ask that you please continue to let us do so.

While the housing exaction rates should and will be updated, our community firmly believes in local control, that we should continue to have access to the tool, and that Teton County residents should retain the right to decide for ourselves what those rates should be. Therefore, we respectfully request that you honor Teton County voters' desire to make local decisions locally.

We thank you again for your service on behalf of Wyoming and look forward to working together to improve the lives of all resident of our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pete Muldoon", is written over the word "Sincerely," and extends across the name and title below.

Pete Muldoon

Mayor

* This letter is endorsed and co-signed by the following organizations attached hereto. *