

From: [Gerry Olson](#)
To: [Mindy Brooks](#)
Subject: Mineral Lake Rezone Gerry Olson
Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:45:44 PM

Hi Mindy,

I'm Gerald Olson, I am fortunate to live in Mineral. Mineral Lake is a very special place. It is one of a kind, by far the most beautiful place in Lewis County. The lake is in the mountains reflecting Mt. Rainer. Cougar, elk, otter, martin, bear, eagle, osprey etc. live here. There is no lake left like this anywhere on the planet. It's the last undeveloped lake. To develop Mineral Lake would be a criminal act against mother nature and everyone else. Of course it is not about the children. There are plenty of more suitable sites for the children. If the tribe really cared about mother nature and the children they would turn the property into a nature preserve for future generations and children yet to come. Mineral Lake is a pristine wilderness. once you develop it you can't undo it. It can't be recreated. It's lost for future generations. It shouldn't be about money, but it is. **It's all about money! It's about greed!** Don't cut up and destroy the **Gem of the Northwest!** Stop yet another atrocious act against mother nature. Don't make it about money. Make your decision with your heart and soul. Save the last lake! Leave it alone!

Sincerely
Gerald Olson

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From: [Megan Sathre](#)
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Cc: [Megan Sathre](#)
Subject: FW: YMCA Public Hearing Testimony
Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 10:22:08 AM

From: Margot Page <Margot.Page@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 9:59 AM
To: Megan Sathre <Megan.Sathre@lewiscountywa.gov>
Subject: YMCA Public Hearing Testimony

Hi Megan,

I am a Mineral resident who is strongly in support of the YMCA camp, though I confess I don't know a lot about what the rezone means.

There are so many folks here who support, but the anti-voices are the loud ones. I'd like to speak in support of the YMCA camp if you think that voice (not super educated on the rezone but philosophically very supportive) will be helpful. I will be joining by Zoom.

Please let me know. Thanks, and thanks very much for all of the work you are doing. I have been at the community meetings and been frankly ashamed of some of the voices from my town.

Best,
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From: [Heinz, Hannah](#)
To: [Mindy Brooks](#)
Subject: YMCA Rezone Inquiry
Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 10:42:58 AM

Lewis County Planning Commission,

My name is Hannah Heinz, and my family has a home at 168 Mineral Hill Rd in Mineral, WA. In 2004, we purchased our property and spent many years developing and building where we call home today. We enjoy the peaceful lifestyle that rural living has to offer, including fishing Mineral lake and enjoying the rich abundance of wildlife who live here. The people living in this small community intentionally sought out rural living in order to get away from the hustle and bustle; with specific regards to keeping it rural and peaceful.

Upon hearing of the YMCA of greater Seattle implementing plans to create hundreds of campsites, in addition to other out buildings, we were shocked. This plan would provide accommodations for far more people than the current sum of Mineral residents. Additionally, we don't have the resources to safely put this plan into effect. The fire department consists of few volunteer firemen and only one EMT. The roads are narrow and few, bordering very steep wooded terrain while buses and other forms of transit are expected to come here. This will additionally result in destruction of forest land and displacement of the wildlife native to this area i.e. osprey, eagles, otters, deer, elk, and bear.

While these challenges bring seemingly simple fixes, the residents of Lewis County will be at the hefty literal expense of this project. The type of infrastructure being planned for would also completely transform the peaceful environment we call home, and bring an abrupt end to this area of rural living as we know it.

There are numerous areas, such as Kapowsin Lake, that already have established communities that are far more equipped to handle this volume of people and public activities. An alternative location would also create less disruption to the ecosystem and result in lower costs of resources.

Mineral Lake and the town of Mineral have a longstanding nickname of being the "gem" of the northwest, and we strive to maintain our unique and beautiful way of rural living. I ask that our commissioners think long and hard on this issue, and to please consider other locations for this project.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Hannah Heinz

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From: [Heather Siegel](#)
To: [Mindy Brooks](#)
Subject: [Spam?] Letter of Support for Mineral Lake YMCA Camp
Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 6:59:45 PM
Importance: Low

Dear Ms. Brooks:

I am writing to offer my support for the YMCA's proposed overnight camp at Mineral Lake. As a longtime Y staff my view is undoubtedly biased but as someone who has spent over 13 years working at resident/overnight camp I can attest to the value that getting people outdoors, as well as how it benefits our state and world.

I started working at YMCA camps in 2003 at YMCA Camp Orkila's Outdoor Environmental Education Program. That experience changed my life as it showed me how the outdoors can be a teach tool for youth to adults. We provided experiences for schools and families during the non-summer months, which I had not experienced before. That experience as an outdoor educator inspired me to continue to find more ways to make the outdoor accessible to people. I stayed in the camping world until 2014 when I transitioned my career to facility branches, but I carry many of the lessons I learned from my years in camping into my work today. The outdoors gave me a space to learn that I had not had in traditional education, which is the experience I saw in many of the youth I got to work with over the years.

The Y core values are always taught (honesty, respect, caring and responsibility) in our youth programming and I've seen these values bring kids together who would have never seen eye to eye in normal settings. I think this is something our world needs a lot more of these days.

For these reasons, I urge your approval of this project. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

HEATHER SIEGEL *Pronouns: She, Her, Hers*

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From: [eleanor munro](#)
To: [Mindy Brooks](#)
Cc: [Gwen Ichinose Bagley](#)
Subject: [Spam?] YMCA request to rezone land at Mineral Lake
Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 6:29:36 PM
Importance: Low

I have been associated with the YMCA's camping programs since about 1948. I am very familiar with all facets of the YMCA camping program. It serves children from as far away as Minnesota and Alaska. The program is outstanding in teaching young campers independent living skills, civility, teamwork and leadership. The program makes a contribution to the quality of life in the Puget Sound basin.

Our two resident camps, Orkila and Colman, are operating at capacity. We need to create a new camp that offers a different experience.

I have visited the Mineral Lake site. I feel that it could become an excellent natural location that would not require extensive alteration (logging, road building, ditching, etc.)

For these reasons I urge the Lewis County Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners to approve the rezone application.

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From: [Tara Jones](#)
To: [Mindy Brooks](#)
Subject: [Spam?] Y Support for Mineral Lake Application
Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022 4:52:12 PM
Importance: Low

Ms. Mindy Brooks
Senior Long-Range Planner
Lewis County Planning Department
2025 NE Kresky Ave.
Chehalis, WA, 98532

Dear Ms. Brooks:

I am writing to offer my support for the YMCA's proposed overnight camp at Mineral Lake. In my opinion, the YMCA proposal is the best possible use for this property and would offer one of the lowest development impacts to the surrounding community, while providing both economic and educational benefits.

The Y is committed to ensuring that all people, especially young people, can develop the skills and have experiences to spend a lifetime actively engaged in the outdoors. The Y's commitment to bringing equity and inclusion to the outdoors, conservation efforts, and delivering programs in a culturally responsive manner is important for today and future generations. We understand that BIPOC youth, who experience marginalization due to race and other oppressed intersections, have faced multiple barriers in accessing culturally responsive outdoor education. At the Y, we know that young people thrive in an outdoor environment, and that the environment will benefit from expanded and equitable youth outdoor leadership.

This particular site has been the focus of various proposals in recent years, including a housing development. Thus far, the YMCA has purchased 500 acres and has indicated it plans to purchase an additional 1,600 acres, developing only a fraction of the site and leaving the rest of the land for use in the practice of sustainable forestry.

Additionally, this project stands to bring much-needed economic development and jobs to this part of Lewis County. The Y has indicated it will seek local contractors to develop the site over the next 10 years and provide ongoing services as needed. Because the Y does not intend to seek a tax exemption as a non-profit organization at this time, this project will also generate additional tax revenues that would benefit both Mineral and the rest of Lewis County.

Finally, the proposed camp would help address the growing need for outdoor education opportunities for local students and those from around the state. A recent study conducted for the Legislature found that more must be done to equitably meet the needs of K-12 students in providing outdoor education experiences. The YMCA camp at Mineral Lake would help provide those opportunities for schools and students. For these reasons, I urge your approval of this project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tara Jones

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The Y: We're for youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.



**OUR
PROMISE TO
COMMUNITY**
the **Y**

The Y actively promotes a culture free from bias and injustice. We are dedicated to removing institutional and systemic barriers that result in oppression and racism. We will be accountable to marginalized communities for creating equitable and sustainable environments where social justice is woven into every facet of our programs, and by caring for our communities in a culturally versatile and respectful manner.

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From: [Eric Waters](#)
To: [Mindy Brooks](#); [Preston Pinkston](#)
Subject: [Spam?] YMCA Greater Seattle, Rezone & Comprehensive Plan Amendment
Date: Friday, June 17, 2022 2:38:17 PM
Importance: Low

Acknowledgement of receipt of this email is requested.

June 17, 2022

Lewis County Planning Commission

Community Development

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Chehalis, WA 98532

By Email

Commissioners,

As a property owner in Mineral, I am adamantly opposed to the proposed YMCA REZONE PROPOSAL. The proposal is a Seattle community problem looking for a solution in rural Lewis County. The Seattle YMCA has indicated they are in need of additional camper capacity and that Lewis County provides the only feasible location for their future camping needs. This notion is laughable at best.

According to [KingCounty.gov](#), there are more than 100 lakes in King County. That is a significant recreational resource. Yet the Seattle YMCA found none of the lakes in King County suitable for their camping needs. This leads to several conclusions. Seattle and King County have systematically destroyed the native ecosystems surrounding their lakes. Urbanization of the region has erased the opportunity for current and future generations to experience serene and native ecosystems. Simply stated, they squandered and destroyed their native ecosystems. Now they want to come to remote Lewis County and repeat the process.

The proposed Resort Overlay is nothing less than classic urban sprawl. This proposal epitomizes why the Washington State legislature passed the Growth Management Act (GMA) in 1990. GMA identifies remote uses that transition to urban uses. The transitions require associated infrastructure to support more intense uses. This proposal dumps an urban use into a remote location with no supporting infrastructure.

As this proposal moves through the public process, I expect my elected and appointed Commissioners to represent their constituents and not the Seattle/ King County special interest associated with the YMCA. Do not move the YMCA REZONE PROPOSAL forward. This proposal should not be forwarded to the Lewis County Commissioners for consideration.

Regards,

Eric D. Waters

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To: Mindy Brooks (Lewis County Planning)
Gwen Ichinose Bagley (YMCA)

6/17/2022

Re: YMCA Camp at Mineral Lake

Hello, My name is Gary Johnson. I'm a longtime resident of Mineral who has owned property, and other investments here for more that 50 years. I would like to share some Mineral history as seen through my eyes. Fifty years ago, there were two resorts at the lake, today there is one. There were two small stores, today there is one. There was a full service Hotel, today there is none. There were two gas stations, one in Mineral the other at Carlson, today there is only one. There was an active log yard, today none. There was a cafe open to diners of all ages. At one time there were two schools, the last of the two closed in 2002, due to the shrinking student population. There was an active employer shingle mill at the lake, today there is none. The American Legion Post 171, has discontinued service.

It is safe to say that Mineral's economy and population have declined. My wife Bobbie and I are in favor of the YMCA project. As I see it, the Y brings a positive vision and adds hope for our small town. The organization has 177 years of experience working with young people and youth leaders in rural areas in the outdoors. Who can beat that record? The Y has proven it can steward natural resources impacted by its developments, and it has demonstrated expertise cultivating leadership for youth education and safe, enriching outdoor experiences. Its presence here, the jobs it will create, and the potential for its services to extend to or influence Mineral residents are all positive side effects of the planned camp project.

I see the Y's plan as a wonderful opportunity. How often does a community get the chance to have a neighbor like the YMCA? It's my belief that the best investment a person, employer, or an organization can make is an investment in the young people of the community. The YMCA gives Mineral—Lewis County this opportunity. I have talked with a number of longtime residents that agree with my feelings. I hope the county, and the YMCA come to an agreement that allows a "green light " for this project.

As I stated earlier, in the last 50 years Mineral has lost a lot of ground. The YMCA camp project can put Mineral back on its feet, and on the map in a new way, as a place where youth learn to experience the outdoors in fellowship with their peers and as a place where a new kind of economy connected to nature and our proximity to natural resources can emerge. Mineral needs this project as much as the children who need the adventure and structure of a new Y camp to set them on a positive path in life.

The time and plan has come to RE-BOOT Mineral.

Thank You
Gary Johnson

From: [Mark Waters](#)
To: [Mindy Brooks](#); [Megan Sathre](#); preston.pinkston@lewiscountywa.org
Subject: Mineral Re-Zone Public Comment
Date: Friday, June 17, 2022 2:54:11 PM

June 17, 2022

Lewis County Planning Board of Commissioners

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Commissioners,

I, along with many other residents of the Mineral area, are absolutely opposed to the Mineral Re-Zone.

I began coming to the Mineral area as a youth 50 or so years ago. It was an area that my elder family members had come to know and love after spending countless days camping, hunting and fishing. They wanted my brothers, cousins and I to experience an area they were completely and utterly enamored with. The beauty and tranquility were second to none, and there was some darn good fishing to boot. When I was old enough to hold a fishing rod, and trout season opened, my Great Uncles would take us on weekly (yes, weekly) fishing trips to Mineral Lake. The beauty, serenity and fishing were unrivaled!

When I became old enough to drive, and the elders could no longer drive or manage their boat, I would take them...and so the tradition and joy continued for many, many years to come.

Fast forward a few years (while continuing to frequent the area/lake), I began dating my wife. After a several months of dating, Opening Day of trout season comes along. I mention to my wife that my buddies and I are going to Mineral Lake for opening day and she says, "You

should talk to my Grandpa and Grandma, they have property on Mineral Lake." Whaaaat?!! Naturally, I knew then, I HAD to marry this woman, ha, ha, ha. All joking aside, I did marry her, and we had three daughters.

As soon as the girls could walk, we were camping at the lake and spending time on our boat fishing and swimming. Throughout their years growing up, (they are now 25, 23 and 21) we would go camping, fishing and swimming at Mineral several times a month throughout the year. Seeing the excitement and joy in their eyes as young girls anytime I mentioned going to the lake is something I will always cherish. They would always comment about how beautiful and peaceful Mineral Lake was and over the years have truly come to love the area, much like their family before them.

The opportunity arose for us to purchase the property that belonged to my wife's Grandparents (164 Mineral Hill Rd). It was a no brainer, we wanted to buy the property, but in order to make the purchase a reality, we needed to restructure our family economic situation, which was a bit of a challenge. But, understanding the memories that had been made, with the opportunity for another generation to be able to experience the same type of joys, we moved forward. We made the necessary sacrifices to purchase the property so we could continue to enjoy the area/lake and so our children could also watch their children experience the same joys they did as children, and see the same look of joy in their children's eyes that we saw in our children's eyes when at the lake. We currently have a Grandson (16 months old) and have a Granddaughter on the way. Our Grandson was playing in the lake at 6 months old and he loved it!....And so, the tradition continues. My heart is full.

Unfortunately, this proposed Re-Zone stands to change the landscape, not only physically, but also metaphorically, in a monumental and irreversible way. Beyond the minimal ancillary benefits this Re-Zone 'may' bring to the greater local area, I cannot see one single, significant, long-term benefit that this Re-Zone would bring that will IMPROVE the quality of life for the residents of Mineral. The significant increase in vehicle traffic, increased noise related to said vehicle and pedestrian traffic, as well as the significant influx of people on the lake

during the best part of the fishing season, as well as throughout the entire summer, would have an immense negative impact on what is, and has been for decades, a very beautiful, peaceful and tranquil area.

A few things that come to mind regarding the Y's degree of deception to further their Re-zone request;

Their study that indicates limited signs of wildlife (specifically Elk) in the area is laughable. I have several pictures of up to 20 or more elk standing along Mineral Hill Rd and on our property.

Their water availability study numbers are grossly inaccurate since their study was conducted during the wettest time of the year. This makes their assertion that their drawing of water to supply the camp in the summer, will not impact surrounding or area wells invalid as it is all 'theory.' Furthermore, some of the well depths they listed for area wells are grossly inaccurate.

Waiting until the project application phase to begin a study to determine what the traffic load and impacts will be is akin to buying a horse and then trying to figure out how you are going to pay for feed.

Determining what the impacts on the Fire Dept., EMS and Law Enforcement are due to the increase in population and how those impacts will be mitigated, is also something that one does beforehand, not after.and the list goes on.

The Greater YMCA of Seattle does not have the same vested interest in the area as we area residents ourselves, and I can assure you, they will not be the same type of stewards of the area that we are. Instead of destroying the very quality of life we have come to know and appreciate the area for, let's leave the urban-sprawl where it is, in King County.

This proposed Re-Zone is not congruent with the Growth Management act (GMA) that the State passed in 1990 and should not occur in Mineral. The infrastructure to support the types of projects which would be allowed under the proposed Re-Zone does not exist. Furthermore, though the documents related to this Re-Zone specify the Re-Zone would only allow, tent sites, cabins, lodges and the like

associated with a 'camp' type facility, there is neither a County Code or Ordinance, nor a State Statute or Washington Administrative Code (WAC), that would prevent another Re-Zone amendment to this proposed zoning amendment, which would allow single family, multi-family, townhouse or apartment buildings. None of the above belong in the remote rural community of Mineral.

I, along with my family and many area residence, am adamantly opposed to this Re-Zone moving forward or receiving approval at any level. I expect you to listen to your affected constituents and not be a willing participant in helping to destroy the very quality of life we in Mineral have come to know and love.

I request to be notified via email and US Mail, of any and all Public meetings, applications, permits or submittals, as well as any associated decisions by Lewis County and the State of Washington related to the aforementioned Re-Zone and any subsequent projects applied for within the entire proposed Re-Zone boundary.

Acknowledgement of this receipt is requested.

Regards

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From: [Mark Waters](#)
To: [Mindy Brooks](#)
Cc: [Lee Napier](#); [Megan Sathre](#); [BOCC](#); [Tailor Arrington](#)
Subject: Mineral Re-Zone Public Comments
Date: Friday, June 17, 2022 3:11:07 PM

June 17, 2022

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To whom it may concern,

I am a property owner in the town of Mineral. I, as well as many others, have serious concerns about how the process regarding the proposed Re-Zone is playing out.

I first became aware of the project in August 2021 through a friend who indicated there was going to be a town meeting regarding the project. Since then, there have been several additional meetings and/or workshops, many of which I have attended either in-person or virtually via zoom. I watched and listened as folk on both sides (opposed to or agree with) grew more passionate, vocal and invested in having their voices heard.

In early April 2022 I heard that the upcoming meetings, specifically some of the workshops and meetings involving public comment, were also going to be held via zoom.

I sent an email outlining the significance of the proposed Re-Zone and believed that due to the significance of the potential impacts this Re-Zone could have, folk should be afforded the opportunity to testify in-person.

I received an email back that read as follows;

“We have just started re-entry. We are beginning with inviting the Planning Commissioners back to in person. Unfortunately, the security concerns have changed at the Historic Courthouse over the past two years. Because the meetings are after regular business hours, the doors are locked and the public is not able to enter the building.

We are continuing to use Zoom, which has been the primary tool for the past two years, for public participation. We have also added YouTube, which also records meetings.”

I replied back, again indicating that due to the significance of the proposed Re-Zone and its potential impacts, members of the community should be afforded the opportunity to provide in-person testimony. I also inquired as to what the particular security concerns where/are?

I received a reply email which was nearly identical to the first, with no explanation as to what the security concerns are which are prevented in-person meetings, but which reaffirmed that the upcoming meetings would be conducted via Zoom and posted on YouTube. This was again affirmed by the Planning Commission members at their May24th meeting.

Given the fact that the Planning Commission and Community Development have known that these meeting will be occurring for almost a year, how can it be that no one possessed the forethought and insight to develop a security plan and/or locate a suitable location so the community could

attend in-person and provide comment on such a significant proposal? I work for a city and have been able to create and implement a security plan for events involving several hundreds of people in a matter of hours, I don't see this event as being any different.

Furthermore, it is unconscionable and irresponsible to believe that, given the extremely poor cell phone and internet service in the Mineral area, the Planning Commission believes Zoom meetings are a reliable platform for the Commission to hear public comment regarding a Re-Zone that will impact so many people. This process has taken on an air of corruption and censorship. The MINERAL COMMUNITY deserves a reasonable opportunity and a reliable means/platform to have their voices heard, and as has been proven in the past by the volume of people who have lost connectivity, Zoom HAS NOT been a reliable platform.

What are the security concerns that prevent the Planning Commission from holding YMCA Re-Zone Public Comment meeting at the normally accustomed facility? Given the known 'security concerns', why has no one taken the initiative or made the effort to adequately address those concerns by formulating a security plan, or if formulating a security plan was not feasible, why did no one find a secondary location to allow in-person public comment ?

In the spirit of transparency, please respond to this email and address all of the above questions so we, as members of the community, have a better understanding of what we can expect from you in the future.

In closing, if there is a true interest in involving the effected community in this process, we expect these meetings to be held in-person, where everyone who wants to be heard, has the opportunity to be heard.

Acknowledgement of receipt and reply to this correspondence is requested.

Regards,
Mark Waters

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Ms. Mindy Brooks
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Additionally, this project stands to bring much-needed economic development and jobs to this part of Lewis County. The Y has indicated it will seek local contractors to develop the site over the next 10 years and provide ongoing services as needed. Because the Y does not intend to seek a tax exemption as a non-profit organization at this time, this project will also generate additional tax revenues that would benefit both Mineral and the rest of Lewis County.

Finally, the proposed camp would help address the growing need for outdoor education opportunities for local students and those from around the state. A recent study conducted for the Legislature found that more must be done to equitably meet the needs of K-12 students in providing outdoor education experiences. The YMCA camp at Mineral Lake would help provide those opportunities for schools and students.

For these reasons, I urge your approval of this project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Mindy Brooks,
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RE: Proposed YMCA Camp on Mineral Lake

June 19, 2022

Dear Ms. Brooks,

I am writing to support approval for the YMCA's proposed overnight camp at Mineral Lake. I have served on both the Seattle YMCA Board and its Y Camping Board for over 20 years. I know well the Y's dedication to serving children and families of all races, ethnicities, religions and status in society. I also know Mineral Lake well, having hiked around it and its surrounding lands; and how effectively the features, topography and location will benefit campers of the Y's exceptional Camp programming.

Rather than being developed for commercial or logging purposes (as has been unsuccessfully tried); it is hard to imagine a more appropriate and environmentally sensitive land use to address the important societal needs of Lewis County citizens, and other surrounding communities.

The Y is fully committed to ensuring that all people, and especially young people, can develop the outdoor knowledge and skills which will lead to spending a lifetime engaged in and protective of the outdoors. Also, the Y's commitment to bringing diversity and inclusion to outdoor activities is well established - as are its successes in delivering programs in an environmentally responsible manner, important for today and the future.

For these and other important educational and social purposes, I urge you to approve this project as an ideal use of this special property to benefit Lewis County children and families.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

D T BOYDEN (signed)

Doug Boyden

YMCA of Greater Seattle Long-time Board and Camping Board Member



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June 19, 2022

Ms. Mindy Brooks
Senior Long-Range Planner
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Dear Ms. Brooks:

I am writing this letter of support, as a community member, for the YMCA's proposed overnight camp at Mineral Lake. I offer this support as an individual, and as a mother with three children who have benefitted from the rich experiences that the YMCA outdoor camps offer. I am also a Board Member for the YMCA of Greater Seattle, so I have a good understanding of the potential economic impact of this proposal for the communities in and around Lewis County.

I believe that the YMCA proposal offers an excellent use of the property, which benefits children and youth in the county, and more broadly, in the state of Washington. The YMCA's proposal for this property would provide enormous economic, educational, and health benefits to children and families in the community.

The proposed project offers the following benefits to Lewis County:

-Economic Development and Jobs. The YMCA project would use local contractors to develop the site over the next 10 years and provide ongoing services as needed.

-Tax Revenue. Because the Y does not intend to seek a tax exemption as a non-profit organization, this project will also generate additional tax revenues that would benefit both Mineral and the rest of Lewis County.

-More opportunities for Youth to Engage in Outdoor Activity. Research has shown that outdoor activity for children and youth, K-12, has clear benefits on mental health, physical health, and wellness.

For these reasons, I strongly recommend your approval of this project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Tumaini Rucker Coker, MD, MBA

June 20, 2022

Ms. Mindy Brooks
Senior Long-Range Planner
Lewis County Planning Department
2025 NE Kresky Ave.
Chehalis, WA, 98532

Dear Ms. Brooks:

I am writing to offer my strong support for the YMCA's proposed overnight camp at Mineral Lake. I serve on the board of directors of the YMCA of Greater Seattle, and I am also a parent with camp-aged children who are looking forward to YMCA summer camps.

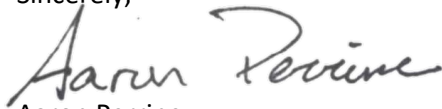
I have been able to visit the proposed site twice, and have been struck by its natural beauty, and by how perfect the site could be for a camp that serves youth from around the region. I just can't imagine a more appropriate, desirable use for the site than a YMCA camp! One thing that has always been important to me about the Seattle Y camps at Camp Colman and Camp Orkila is that they operate on a sliding scale, in order to allow children from different economic background to participate. I know the Y would have similar arrangements for a camp at Mineral Lake, giving youth in our region a fantastic 'mountain camp' option for summer and year-round youth development.

I have also seen how camp has positive economic impacts on the surrounding community, including good year-round and seasonal jobs, and support for local businesses. I think the same positive impacts will occur here.

One of the Y's top goals is to preserve the natural beauty of this incredible site, and I know from Camp Colman, Camp Orkila, and the Y's other activities that it will be an excellent steward of this property and an excellent partner with the county and other local agencies.

For these reasons, I strongly recommend your approval of this project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Aaron Perrine

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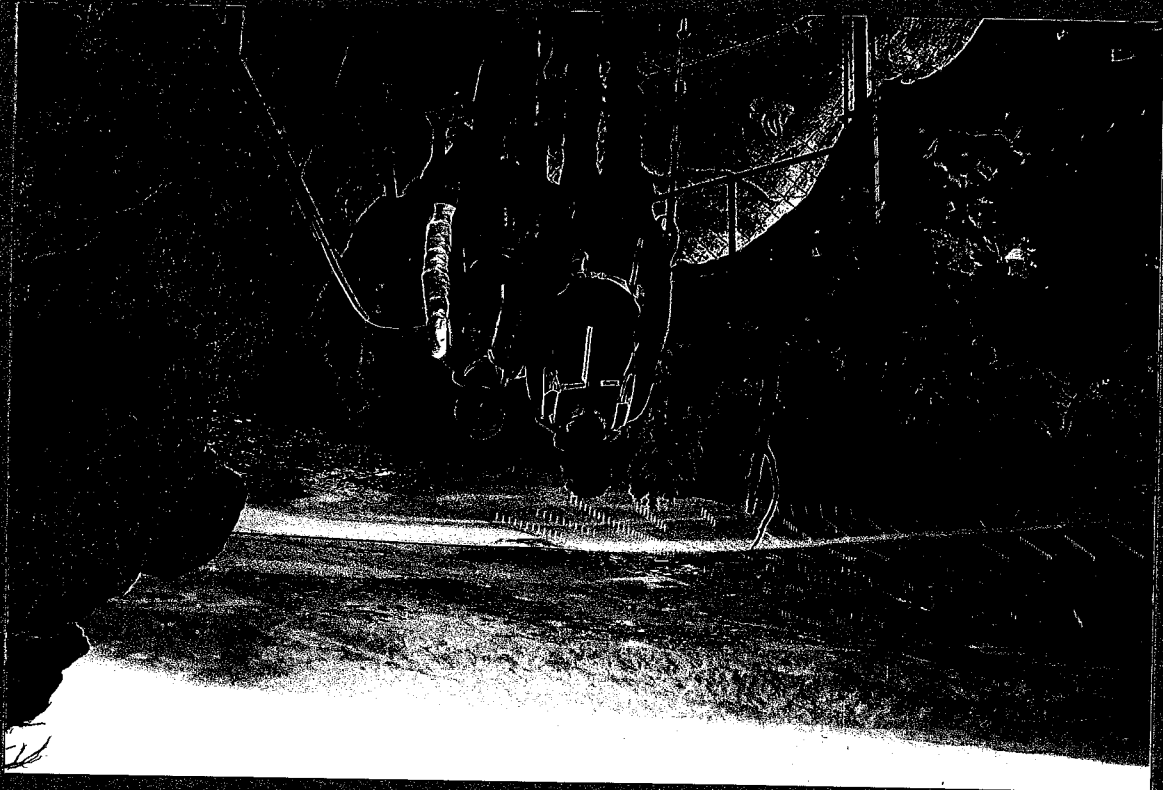
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I AM WRITING CONCERNING OUR PROPOSED
YMCA CAMP AT MINERAL LAKE. BY WAY OF
BACKGROUND I HAVE BEEN ON THE YMCA
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MARCEL BERGSON

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Mt. San Jacinto State Park, CA

From: [BARBARA DINGFIELD](#)
To: [Mindy Brooks](#)
Cc: ceo@seattlemca.org; gbagley@seattlemca.org
Subject: Mineral Lake
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 10:29:42 AM

June 21, 2022

Dear Ms. Brooks:

I am writing, as a parent, a grandparent and a longtime supporter of the YMCA, to state my support for the YMCA's proposed camp at Mineral Lake. The YMCA proposal is an excellent use for this property and would offer one of the lowest development impacts to the surrounding community, while providing both economic and educational benefits.

The Y is committed to ensuring that all people, especially young people, can develop the skills and have experiences to spend a lifetime actively engaged in the outdoors. My son attended a YMCA camp many years ago and learned a great deal about the outdoors and about working and playing with others from diverse communities.

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For these reasons, I strongly recommend your approval of this project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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From: [Hannah Mason](#)
To: [Mindy Brooks](#)
Subject: proposal for Y camp at Mineral Lake
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 11:40:19 AM

Dear Ms. Brooks,

I am writing to offer my support for the YMCA's proposed overnight camp at Mineral Lake. As a longtime Y staff, my view is undoubtedly biased but as someone who has spent many years working with teens I can attest firsthand to the value that getting kids outdoors plays in their lives, as well as how it benefits our state and world.

Growing up in Monroe WA, I had a father that loved to take me hiking and fishing in the foothills of the Cascades. It taught me to respect nature and grew in me a deep love of the outdoors and the importance of taking care of our outdoor spaces. Many of the teens I have worked with over the years did not have these opportunities, either because their parents never did, or their parents did not have the means to get them outdoors. Leading Y wilderness expeditions was one of my favorite parts of my job because you could really see the change in teens as they learned to respect and navigate the outdoors.

One excursion I will never forget was a day hike we took with a group of teen boys on who had never been hiking in their life. At first they were a bit incredulous, why would anyone want to do this? But we convinced them it would be fun so they trusted us and went. When we finally made it to the destination they were completely won over by the beautiful views and adrenaline that comes with hiking and ascending a summit. It seemed like a normal trip until we saw a few of the teens a few weeks later at a Y program. They shared that the following day they had returned to the trail on their own with their cousins and had hiked the same trail again. Then the next week, they had taken their entire family to the same hike. They had enjoyed it so much that they had to share it with the rest of their family. It was so moving to me that these teens had returned multiple times because of that one outdoor experience they had. I have witnessed and heard so many experiences like this, whether hiking or at overnight camp through the Y, it truly touches kids lives and helps them learn about themselves and others in positive ways.

Y outdoor programs and camps also teach kids how to respect nature and each other, which is something that is deeply needed in our state. Hiking and camping have become more and more popular and as it grows the need for outdoor education grows too. Y outdoor education also brings together kids from very different backgrounds and experiences, which really helps them learn and respect each other, something that is very important as our political landscape becomes more and more polarized. The Y core values are always taught (honesty, respect, caring and responsibility) in our youth programming and I've seen these values bring kids together who would have never seen eye to eye in normal settings. I think this is something our world needs a lot more of these days.

Whether it is a y camp, school, or other youth organization, I am such a huge advocate for getting more kids outdoors so they can learn about themselves, others and how to respect and care for nature and our world. I cannot stress enough how important these opportunities are for our youth. For these reasons, I urge your approval of this project. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Hannah Mason

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From: [Alan Pickerill](#)
To: [Mindy Brooks](#)
Cc: [Loria Yeadon, President/CEO](#); gbagley@seattlemca.org
Subject: Mineral Lake / YMCA
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 1:13:48 PM

Dear Ms. Brooks:

I am writing to offer my strong support for the YMCA's proposed overnight camp at Mineral Lake. I have lived in Washington my entire life and have been involved with and supportive of the YMCA for a long while.

In my opinion, the YMCA proposal is an outstanding potential use for this property and would offer one of the lowest development impacts to the surrounding community, while providing both economic and educational benefits.

The Y is committed to ensuring that all people, especially young people, can develop the skills and have experiences to spend a lifetime actively engaged in the outdoors. The Y's commitment to bringing equity and inclusion to the outdoors, conservation efforts, and delivering programs in a culturally responsive manner is important for today and future generations.

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Finally, the proposed camp would help address the growing need for outdoor education opportunities for local students and those from around the state. A recent study conducted for the Legislature found that more must be done to equitably meet the needs of K-12 students in providing outdoor education experiences. The YMCA camp at Mineral Lake would help provide those opportunities for schools and students.

For these reasons, I strongly recommend your approval of this project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alan Pickerill
YMCA Board Member
Former CFO Expedia Group

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To: [Mindy Brooks](#)
Cc: [Loria Yeadon, President/CEO](#); gbagley@seattlemca.org
Subject: Mineral Lake and the YMCA of Greater Seattle
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 2:07:55 PM

June 20, 2022

Ms. Mindy Brooks
Senior Long-Range Planner
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Dear Ms. Brooks:

As a board member of the YMCA of Greater Seattle I am writing to offer my support for the YMCA's proposed overnight camp at Mineral Lake. In my opinion, the YMCA proposal is the best possible use for this property and would offer one of the lowest development impacts to the surrounding community, while providing both economic and educational benefits.

The Y is committed to ensuring that all people, especially young people, can develop the skills and have experiences to spend a lifetime actively engaged in the outdoors. The Y's commitment to bringing equity and inclusion to the outdoors, conservation efforts, and delivering programs in a culturally responsive manner is important for today and future generations.

This particular site has been the focus of various proposals in recent years, including a housing development. Thus far, the YMCA has purchased 500 acres and has indicated it plans to purchase an additional 1,600 acres, developing only a fraction of the site and leaving the rest of the land for use in the practice of sustainable forestry. I serve on the Development Committee of the Y and we are working hard to bring in donors to support this land acquisition.

I also serve on the Finance Committee of the Y so dollars and cents are important to me. I especially like this project because it will bring much-needed economic development and jobs to this part of Lewis County. The Y has indicated it will seek local contractors to develop the site over the next 10 years and provide ongoing services as needed. Because the Y does not intend to seek a tax exemption as a non-profit organization at this time, this project will also generate additional tax revenues that would benefit both Mineral and the rest of Lewis County.

Finally, the proposed camp would help address the growing need for

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For these reasons, I strongly recommend your approval of this project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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From: [Robert Richards](#)
To: [Mindy Brooks](#)
Subject: YMCA Rezone and Comprehensive Plan Amendment
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 7:01:19 AM

Dear Ms. Brooks,

As Senior Long-Range Planner of the Lewis County Planning Department, you are considering a project of immense benefit to Lewis County accompanied by little negative impact. I would appreciate your transmitting this letter of support to the members of the Lewis County Planning Commission. Thank you.

Dear Members of the Lewis County Planning Commission:

The proposed YMCA camp for youth and families at Mineral Lake is the best possible use for this property, offering one of the lowest development impacts to the surrounding community by removing this particular site from the various commercial proposals in recent years, including a housing development, devoting most of the property to sustained forestry and only a fraction to camp activities. Thus far, the YMCA has purchased 500 acres and has indicated it plans to purchase an additional 1,600 acres.

At the same time, this project will provide jobs in this part of Lewis County, seeking local contractors to develop the site over the next ten years and provide ongoing services as needed. Because the Y does not intend to seek a tax exemption as a non-profit organization at this time, this project will also generate additional tax revenues that would benefit both Mineral and the rest of Lewis County.

Perhaps most importantly, the proposed camp would help address the growing need for outdoor education opportunities for local students and around the state. The proposed camp will serve as an important resource for school districts as they pursue their environmental education objectives. Throughout the United States the YMCA has a stellar record of operating camps, providing youth with an opportunity to develop the skills and have experiences to spend a lifetime actively engaged in the outdoors. For generations the YMCA of Greater Seattle has operated outstanding camps in the San Juan Islands and southern Puget Sound, enjoying harmonious relations with the camps' neighbors and providing opportunities to the local community. The YMCA would do the same at Mineral Lake.

The YMCA of Greater Seattle looks forward to becoming a responsible member of the Mineral community. Thank you for your consideration.

Robert R. Richards

Robert R. Richards
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June X, 2022

Ms. Mindy Brooks
Senior Long-Range Planner
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For these reasons, I strongly recommend your approval of this project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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June 21, 2022

Ms. Mindy Brooks
Senior Long-Range Planner
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Dear Ms. Brooks:

I am writing you to offer my support for the YMCA's proposed overnight camp at Mineral Lake. As a longtime YMCA board member, I have seen firsthand the tremendous benefits that camps like these offer both to participants and the local community. In my opinion, the YMCA proposal is the best possible use for this property and would offer one of the lowest development impacts to the surrounding community, while providing both economic and educational benefits.

I understand that this particular site has been the focus of various proposals in recent years, including a housing development. Thus far, the YMCA has purchased 500 acres and has indicated it plans to purchase an additional 1,600 acres, developing only a fraction of the site and leaving the rest of the land for use in the practice of sustainable forestry.

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For these reasons, I strongly recommend your approval of this project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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June 21, 2022

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Dear Ms. Brooks:

I am writing to offer my support for the YMCA's proposed overnight camp at Mineral Lake. The YMCA's proposal would be an incredible, community-focused use of this property and would offer one of the lowest development impacts to the surrounding community, while providing both economic and educational benefits locally.

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For these reasons, I humbly request your approval of this project. Thank you for your consideration.

In community,

Loria Yeadon
President & CEO
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June 22, 2022

Ms. Mindy Brooks
Senior Long-Range Planner
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Dear Ms. Brooks:

I am writing on behalf of Centralia College to express our support for the YMCA's proposed overnight camp at Mineral Lake. Outdoor education is crucial for each generation of children, and the YMCA has a long history of experience helping children learn about and enjoy our natural habitat. The proposed YMCA development at Mineral Lake is an excellent use of this beautiful property and would provide both economic and educational benefits to the local community.

As you may be aware, Centralia College operates a satellite campus in Morton, known as CC East. While this is a small site that serves a relatively small number of students, we feel that it is vital to promoting the educational needs of East Lewis County. We see the YMCA development as a tremendous opportunity for partnership and we look forward to working with the YMCA and other community partners to develop appropriate programs and events.

The YMCA proposal will fit in well in East County. The overnight camp and education center will be relatively low impact developments, and the eventual plan for up to 2100 acres would preserve much of the site for sustainable forestry. CC East currently offers Wildland Firefighter Certification training. We believe that the YMCA plan would present other opportunities for partnership and new programs in coming years.

This project is likely to bring much-needed economic development and jobs to this part of Lewis County. The YMCA has indicated it will seek local contractors to develop the site over the next 10 years and provide ongoing services as needed. Because the Y does not intend to seek a tax exemption as a non-profit organization, this project will also generate additional tax revenues that would benefit both Mineral and the rest of Lewis County.

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For these reasons, I urge your approval of this project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bob Mohrbacher

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June 22, 2022

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Dear Ms. Brooks:

I am writing to offer my support for the YMCA's proposed overnight camp at Mineral Lake. In my opinion, the YMCA proposal is the highest and best possible use for this property as it would offer one of the lowest development impacts to the surrounding community, while providing both economic and educational benefits.

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For these reasons, I give my strongest recommendation that you approve this project. Thank you in advance for your consideration and please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,



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From: [Jane Seibel](#)
To: [Mindy Brooks](#)
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 1:29:43 PM

To whom it may concern

I want to list my support for the YMCA project at Mineral Lake. The At has supported communities throughout our country as stewards of the land and of our citizens from young children to elderly of all walks of life.

The Y has committed a very thorough investigation into suitable properties to bring children to learn and fall in love with the land and learn to be good stewards of the land as well as strong community members and kind people.

The Y educates the whole person.

As has been seen in other camp

Communities such as Coleman and Orkilla the At has served to feed and support communities during crises such as Covid-19 when others could not. They provided childcare and camps for working parents and tie children to a love and fun of the outdoors through healthy bodies and healthy spirits.

I fully support the creation of the Y property at Mineral Lake.

Jane Seibel

Y board member

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June 24, 2022

Ms. Mindy Brooks,
Lewis County Planning Commission
351 NW North Street
Chehalis Washington 98532

Dear Ms. Brooks:

This letter is to express the full support of the Nisqually Indian Tribe for the Mineral Lake Camp and Outdoor Education Project as proposed by the YMCA of Greater Seattle.

The Tribe has consulted extensively with the YMCA of Greater Seattle on the visioning and planning for this project, and is excited about the unprecedented opportunities the camp project and related initiatives will make available for youth and families within the region who may not have equitable access to outdoor activities.

The Tribe has reviewed the preliminary development plans and documents for the camp project, and concurs with the finding that the Mineral Lake Camp and Outdoor Education Project will not have a significant impact on the natural or human environments.

Importantly, the project will provide a unique venue and opportunity for the Nisqually Tribe to share its story, history, and cultural values with the greater public. The Mineral Lake area is centrally located in the Nisqually River Watershed. The Nisqually River Watershed is an integral part of the aboriginal homeland of the Nisqually Tribe, and an area which has been, and is still to this day, closely linked to the Tribe's identity, culture, and way of life.

The Nisqually Tribe will continue to work collaboratively with YMCA of Greater Seattle, with Lewis County, and with the Mineral Lake community, on the project. The Tribe looks forward to the development of a world class camping and outdoor education program on the several properties that will benefit the entire region, and in particular those groups that have traditionally been underrepresented in accessing outdoor activities and opportunities.

The Nisqually Tribe stands in full support of the project, and we encourage the Lewis County Planning Commission to provide a favorable and timely review and decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Frank III". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

William Frank III,
Chairman,
Nisqually Indian Tribe

June 22, 2022

Ms. Mindy Brooks
Senior Long-Range Planner
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For these reasons, I strongly recommend your approval of this project. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,



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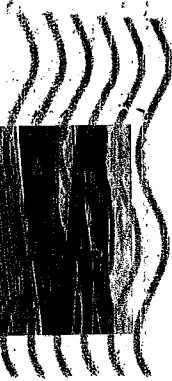


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To: Mindy Brooks (Lewis County Planning)
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June 26, 2022

Re: YMCA Camp at Mineral Lake

My name is Jane Hodges and I divide my time between Seattle and Mineral, where I have been a part-time resident since 2013, when I bought the town's surplus elementary school from the Morton School District as the site of a nonprofit artist residency program we call Mineral School. While I do not have deep roots in Lewis County, I do see Mineral through the eyes of a writer and the landscape for writers, and that is why I invested in property here. Mineral School is a place where artists from throughout the Northwest (and North America) who are vetted in an application process can come to find peace and quiet in which to produce new work, while also living in a small, active logging community in the foothills of Mt. Rainier and engaging in informal connection with the environment, the history, the landscape, and locals who join us at free events or along the lake or at the tavern.

Mineral is a beautiful community boasting a pristine fishing lake, an aging population, and a shrinking economy, with a strong network of community organizations — church groups, a food bank, luncheon clubs, the Lions Club, a fire department, and nascent groups forming programs for children, etc. While collaborative and friendly, it is also at times resistant to change and suspicious of anyone who isn't already from the area. (I am in the process of selling the building, with the artist residency nonprofit remaining a tenant, and gossip around what "the lady who owns the school" is up to reveals a lot of suspicion and sexism.)

Today I am writing in support of a YMCA camp and program site for children, and the partnership between the YMCA and the Nisqually Indian Tribe. Just as I believe artists need space and support to grow their creative work, I also know that children need time and experience in nature and in safe, supervised communities in order to grow into adults with curiosity, empathy, self-esteem, and practical and teamwork skills required for them to feel confident that they can thrive. In particular, children who live landlocked in downtowns and urban corridors, or suburban landscapes, need access to quiet, natural spaces where animals and bodies of water and mountains and trails and campfires and adventures can be shared. I have heard multiple people in town say they resist the camp project because "they'll bus in inner city children" — "inner city" being code for children of color, children from cities, children who may not live where their parents grew up. Mineral residents may enjoy their current view of the lake and lack of traffic along Mineral Hill Road, but who is the town if its resources are hoarded for a few landowners who like their views and the lake is not shared with *all* people who deserve time in nature? I understand concerns about emergency response, traffic, and lifestyle changes full-time residents may experience as a camp develops. These concerns are logistical and the solutions to them may be costly, but they can be negotiated and fundraised.

I keep circling back to the bigger picture. My support for the YMCA/Nisqually project stems from my belief that *all* people deserve to feel safe and welcome in the outdoors, and that a homogenous community runs the risk of sinking in on itself as a closed places that fears outsiders or "others" and creates social systems of "us" and "them." As a person who brings in small batches of artists — a majority of them LGBTQ+, many People of Color — I too am "bussing in the inner city," as well as the

mistrusted academic town and those cars with much-mocked liberal bumper stickers, on a small scale. The reality is that American demography is changing, and the future is not white — not even in the countryside. I and others involved in our project have begun the homework of learning how non-white folks experience the rural, both through book learning and through listening to the experiences of artists in our care: Gay people unsure if it's safe to take walks due to past gay-bashing experiences, Black artists who trade mobile numbers with me "in case of emergency" before venturing on a hike or to the tavern alone, People of Color followed slowly by local cars, or concerned about the hateful messages relayed by Confederate flags and bumper stickers. We need to make sure that everyone feels as free to enjoy the rural as white people do, starting in childhood.

It is my belief that the YMCA could not choose a better location than Mineral in which to site its new camp. The Y, while using its proven methods for managing successful camps throughout Washington, can deliver its services to children and expand its capacity while also honoring the history of the land which belongs to the Nisqually Indian Tribe. Mineral can watch, learn, and benefit from the potential for new employment opportunities and become a diverse and inclusive community centered around natural resources including (but also expanding beyond) the logging trade. In time, whether Mineral grows or not, the Y's presence can make it a place where women, children, and minorities are granted as much visibility and respect as those who for far too long have spoken for and over their voices, laying the groundwork for it to become a place that welcomes everyone and includes industries that deliver nurture and nature as well as resource extraction and exploitation — an economy including industry, but also including love.

Sincerely,
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Subj: YMCA Mineral Lake Property

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From personal experience of having volunteered with the YMCA for nearly forty years, I know the Y is committed to ensuring that all people, especially young people, can develop the skills and have experiences to spend a lifetime actively engaged in the outdoors. The Y's commitment to bringing equity and inclusion to the outdoors, conservation efforts, and delivering programs in a culturally responsive manner is important for today and future generations.

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I have visited the Mineral Lake site and I am very excited about the use of the property for the proposed camp. For the reasons discussed above, I strongly recommend your approval of this project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



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I am a personal example of this commitment. I grew up in the Y, participated in sports, swam, was a camper and subsequently served as a lifeguard and camp counselor. The Y experience is a real learning opportunity for youth and supports their growth to mature and caring adults.

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