

**From:** [Kenneth Adams](#)  
**To:** [Mindy Brooks](#)  
**Subject:** YMCA Camp Mineral Lake  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 8, 2023 12:51:27 PM

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This e-mail is in regard to the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) camp being proposed in Lewis County. As a citizen of Lewis County I ask that you reject this proposal. The YMCA of today does not uphold or support any Christian values that the organization was founded upon.

The YMCA was founded by George Williams in London, England on June 6, 1844. Mr. Williams founded the YMCA for young men to escape the unhealthy social situations in the big cities. Mr. Williams was an Evangelical and believed the YMCA could provide Bible Study and prayer along with physical activities and job training so young men could avoid the awful social conditions.

The organization today does not encourage any values taught in the Bible.

• There have been reported incidents in YMCA locations, where males identifying as females have entered female dressing areas and showers. When the females reported the incidents, staff accused those women of being bigots and "Tran's phobia" not taking their concerns seriously.

• The YMCA actively supports Black Lives Matter (BLM) and defunding the police.

• The YMCA supports allowing harmful puberty blocking drugs being administered young children and forever mutilating their bodies.

• The YMCA actively supports Critical Race Theory (CRT) which is basically re-writing the history of the United States.

The current YMCA organization does not reflect the values of the citizens of Lewis County.

Thank you for your time.

Ken Adams  
126 Awesome Drive  
Chehalis, WA 98532

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**From:** [BOCC](#)  
**To:** [Ann Stout](#)  
**Cc:** [Mindy Brooks](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed YMCA rezone  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 8, 2023 8:06:51 AM  
**Attachments:** [StrategiesGoodWrittenTestimony\\_January2023.pdf](#)  
[StrategiesGoodOralTestimony\\_January2023.pdf](#)

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Thank you for submitting your comments to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).

Unfortunately, since this is a quasi-judicial matter that will come before the BOCC for a decision at a later date, the Commissioners are unable to respond.

The commissioners regret that they are unable to reply, but state law requires that they hear about this matter only at the public meeting.

I am CCing Mindy Brooks at Community Development ([mindy.brooks@lewiscountywa.gov](mailto:mindy.brooks@lewiscountywa.gov)). Mindy is the contact for public testimony for this topic and can let you know when the record will open for written testimony.

For information on how to participate in the public meeting, please contact Community Development at 360-740-2677.

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**From:** Ann Stout <[anncstout@gmail.com](mailto:anncstout@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 6:11 PM  
**To:** BOCC <[BOCC@lewiscountywa.gov](mailto:BOCC@lewiscountywa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Proposed YMCA rezone

**To:** Sean Swope, Lindsey Pollock, and Scott Brummer

I am writing to each of you to thank you for denying YMCA's request for rezone for land near Mineral Lake. In today's culture the YMCA no longer stands for the promotion, protection and provision of the nuclear family. Supporting strong family units in Lewis County will pay off big dividends in our future.

YMCA's mission no longer represents Lewis County's families well.

You have rightly concluded their proposed land use is a bad deal for Lewis County due to the impacts on our roads, water, and environment.

The removal of 2,100 acres of land from our tax base does not benefit the families of Lewis County. Our emergency services are not equipped to handle such a large development in such a remote area.

I strongly request you continue to deny this request for rezoning despite the threat of a lawsuit. As our leaders in Lewis County we trust you and count on you to represent us well in matters such as these. You have shown us your support during round one.

Thank you for your initial stand against this intrusion. Please continue to stand strong.

**Ann Stout**  
360 266 7401

*The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. 1 Timothy 1:5*

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**From:** [Joby Voetberg](#)  
**To:** [Mindy Brooks](#)  
**Subject:** YMCA Camp at Mineral Lake  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 8, 2023 8:35:20 AM

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Hello,

I would like to email our county commissioners and thank them for their decision to not approve the YMCA camp that is proposed out at Mineral Lake. I would also ask that they stand with their original decision and not approve the YMCA camp during the upcoming appeal. I have been a life-long Lewis County resident and I am currently raising 5 young children in the community. The YMCA has changed over the years and no longer holds the Christian principles it once had. Their recent stance to support and focus on gender identity, expression and sexual orientation and the LGBTQ+ community along with the goal of creating “changemakers” is alarming. These ideologies are not something that I support nor do I want them promoted in our community to our children. I appreciate the willingness of our board to take hard stances that go against what much of society is pushing as acceptable. I understand this is not an easy decision, but standing up and fighting for our children’s wellbeing and safety is something that is always worth fighting for.

Joby Voetberg  
Chehalis, Washington

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**From:** [Johnny Dunnagan](#)  
**To:** [Mindy Brooks](#)  
**Subject:** YMCA in Lewis County  
**Date:** Thursday, February 9, 2023 9:05:53 PM

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I am Johnny Dunnagan and I want to express my concern about the zoning change to accommodate a YMCA recreation center in Mineral. The YMCA is not the same today as it once was. I strongly oppose there involvement with our young people with their liberal ideas and policies of today. I ask that the property continue as forest land and zoning is not changed.

Sincerely,

Johnny Dunnagan  
Centralia, Washington  
Sent from my iPhone

Johnny

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Lewis County Board of Commissioners  
2025 NE Kresky Ave.  
Chehalis, WA 98532  
February 8, 2023

The purpose of this letter is to again support the YMCA proposal for an overnight camp at Mineral Lake. I spent 27 years as the director of the Cispus Learning Center. During those years I worked with many outdoor learning centers across the State of Washington, including several of the YMCA camps. I have witnessed the value of an overnight outdoor experience in enhancing the social, emotional, spiritual, and intellectual growth in our youth. Those experience are truly life changing for many of the participants.

I believe that the camp is transformational. More than ever our youth need that experience. We need more of these facilities across our state.

Finally, it is my experience that camps are good neighbors, too. I highly endorse the Y's request for a rezone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin E. Fortin, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Martin E. Fortin, Jr.

**From:** [BOCC](#)  
**To:** [denniscarter115@gmail.com](mailto:denniscarter115@gmail.com)  
**Cc:** [Mindy Brooks](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Email from Commissioners Contact Form  
**Date:** Friday, February 10, 2023 8:02:53 AM  
**Attachments:** [StrategiesGoodWrittenTestimony January2023.pdf](#)  
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**From:** [contact@lewiscountywa.gov](mailto:contact@lewiscountywa.gov) <[contact@lewiscountywa.gov](mailto:contact@lewiscountywa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 9, 2023 6:08 PM  
**To:** Rieva Lester <[Rieva.Lester@lewiscountywa.gov](mailto:Rieva.Lester@lewiscountywa.gov)>; Tammy Martin <[Tammy.Martin@lewiscountywa.gov](mailto:Tammy.Martin@lewiscountywa.gov)>; BOCC <[BOCC@lewiscountywa.gov](mailto:BOCC@lewiscountywa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Email from Commissioners Contact Form

Name: Dennis Carter

Email: [denniscarter115@gmail.com](mailto:denniscarter115@gmail.com)

Message: Please maintain out forest land, do not allow rezoning for the YMCA camp!!

**From:** [Micah Rose](#)  
**To:** [Mindy Brooks](#)  
**Subject:** Written Testimony on Ordinance 1343  
**Date:** Friday, February 10, 2023 9:04:20 AM

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Hello,

I am writing you today to express my displeasure in hearing that the YMCA desires to bring its presence to Lewis County, and to ask that you to take a stand against it.

Although the YMCA has been historically known throughout the nation for its work in providing activities and resources for youth and families, the organization is also becoming known for actively supporting and championing ideologies that are destructive to our society. The YMCA openly supports the teaching and acceptance of Critical Race Theory and intersectionality, destructive gender and sexuality ideologies, dangerous and uninformed “defund the police” movements, and other issues of “woke” propaganda that only serve to further societal division. Rather than encouraging the equity and community connection that such ideologies claim to advance, these ideologies only continually result in increased division and violence, and decreased safety and security. I am adamantly against allowing the YMCA to bring this, simply through their presence and influence, into Lewis County.

I know I’m not the only one expressing such thoughts, and I trust many written and spoken testimonies are echoing these same concerns and more, so I ask that you please hear the concerns and join the citizens of Lewis County in taking a stand against the destructive ideologies that the YMCA would carry into our community. The only way to stop the infection of such ideologies, is to stop the vessel of transmission from coming in. The YMCA, and the disease it carries, is not welcome in Lewis County.

Feel free to contact me if you have further questions regarding my concerns. Thank you for your service to our community!

Respectfully,

Micah Rose  
Lewis County resident since 2008  
[360-688-3324](tel:360-688-3324)

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