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Sharon:

Attached is a “letter of support” from our Board Chairman, Bob Borwick, pertaining to the Train Station.

I hope it can be added to councils’ packet for Tuesday’s work session regarding our agenda item. I know it is late, and I apologize, but Mr. Borwick was out of town last week.

Also, is there a specific link we will need for Tuesday, in case council has questions for us regarding the proposed lease, or do we just use the usual meeting link found on the website?

Thanks for your help!

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To Whom It May Concern:

In my personal opinion, the former train station located on Wilkes-Barre Boulevard is ideal for our Luzerne County Convention and Visitors Bureau. The station property is perfectly situated at a gateway to Downtown Wilkes-Barre, which is home to variety of restaurants, theaters, events, as well as two college campuses. This location, with easy access and ample parking, provides incoming college students, their families and other visitors a place to find things to do and see throughout the area. It can be a valuable resource for potential students and their families. In addition, the historic train station would allow the Visitors Bureau to show off our amazing history to visitors, as well as to those moving to the area for our growing medical community and other industries. The ease of access and historic significance of the building draws them in to learn more about the area and why Luzerne County is a great place to visit, work, live and raise a family.

The economic impact of revitalizing the train station from an eyesore to a viable building also helps the tax base, while beautifying that area.

I am beyond excited to bring this cornerstone of our community back to its rightful place as one of the most beautiful and historic buildings in Luzerne County. Housing the Luzerne County Convention and Visitors Bureau in such a significant building is a big step forward in continuing the positive direction in which Luzerne County and Downtown Wilkes-Barre is moving.

Most Sincerely,

Bob Borwick

Board Chairman - Luzerne County Convention and Visitors Bureau