

Dear Band of 26,

During the past few months I have had the privilege of talking to and learning from the members of the dedicated committee that presented this Community Center Proposal. During interviews, it became obvious that no stone was left unturned in the committee's quest to devise a plan that would address growth, repair infrastructure and, hopefully, create harmony for all Lockwoodians and...at a price we could each afford. It is not surprising that the process took four years of hard work.

Reading and re-reading your treatise on why we should **not** vote "yes" to provide this neighborhood with a reasonable eating and meeting facility is down right embarrassing. Here we are trying like mad to heal some old (not to be mentioned) wounds and you are picking at the scabs.

I won't argue the facts with you because there are smarter people than I who can set you straight. (Like, where on earth did you get the idea that by voting "yes" we are committed to a bank or a bank loan?) What I will argue with you about is your incredible lack of trust in your neighbors by blatantly accusing the POA Board of stuffing the ballot box. If you were serving on the POA or LFCCI Boards (and, by the way, why aren't you?) would you not be acting in the best interest of the entire community?

Listen, I know you are not going to reconsider your 'no' votes and that is your prerogative but I am hoping that you will re-think the position you have taken against those who volunteer their time for Lockwood. Your remarks were unfounded and insulting.

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