

I just finished reading both sets of comments regarding the building of a new community center. Having worked on two previous boards in Virginia, I was very disturbed by the vilification and distrust of those who have worked so hard and long to present us with the information upon which to make a decision. I also noted that the criticisms come largely from those who have never lived here, never served on the board, and whose only interest in the community is to turn a profit.

I would like to take this opportunity to let the members of our board know how much I appreciate their efforts. They have done outstanding work on this proposal and made every effort to control cost and make this investment affordable. And I regard this proposal as a real opportunity to support the already sizeable investment I have already made in my home.

So to those of us who can afford a yearly payment of \$440 as an additional investment in our home or property, I think it's time to air our concerns in a civil and constructive manner, to support our board, and to make an important investment in our future by voting to approve the community center.

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