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Dear Springdale Town Council members, Mayor Stan Smith, Mike Alltucker, Randy Aton, Lisa Zumptf, and Adrian Player,

We have recently learned of Springdale Historic Preservation Commission's efforts to develop a history center at the former Canyon Ranch motel site. As we are unable to attend the town council meeting tomorrow evening, we would like to send a few words in support of this project and its role in further preserving and promoting our dear town's history and culture.

We admit to having initial reservations about the Best Western being able to develop additional hotel rooms, however given that this would be in exchange for the Town's ownership of the yellow house property plus Best Western's commitment to support with parking spaces, the trade off appears to be strongly in the Town's favor. Plus, given the recent increase in visitor numbers, the eight additional hotel rooms do not appear to present a substantial threat to the livelihood of any local, independent accommodation providers, nor does it seem like it would pose a threat to the balance of healthy competition in the area. Furthermore, the proposal for rezoning and building clearly appears to be the outcome of a well thought out and thoroughly conducted negotiation, with many aspects of the anticipated resulting changes having been taken into consideration several times over. This proposal does not appear to be the result of a team working solely for the benefit of commercial profit - or rather, it does indeed lay out a solid foundation for a center that will benefit first and foremost the town, its citizens, the environment, and visitors to come.

We are especially excited about the fact that this center would be a point of coming together and collaboration between Springdale Town, the Zion Canyon Visitors Bureau, the Zion Forever Project, and the Paiute Indian Tribe of Southern Utah - and this only to start! There seems to be so much potential for subsequent partnering with additional communities and organizations. Also of note is that this would be a project specifically and solely developed in the spirit of furthering our small town's rich history and culture, which in this day and age can be so easily and quite quickly overlooked for more purely commercial ventures.

We place our trust in the SHPC's commitment to conducting fair and transparent due diligence so that all facts will be properly documented and the resulting information will be duly communicated. Given the solid work that has been presented thus far, we trust that further plans will be developed in the spirit of keeping the well-being of our town at the forefront. We hope that the Springdale

Town Council members will come to a similar conclusion in favor of this proposal.

Best regards,  
Sunny and John Lee

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