I would like to comment on the 1% sales tax. My thoughts on this come from being a resident who has lived here 36 years and is now raising my family here as well. Our family loves Apple Valley and it is very special to us. However, as I now raise my family here I realize how much AV is lacking in the way of amenities. I would completely support this tax and I know many other families that would as well, if they knew exactly what they were getting for their money. Apple Valley needs more focus on youth activities and family amenities. If you could explain what amenities would be enhanced or created from the sales tax, I believe this would be very beneficial in getting the tax to pass. Please, look into renovating sports parks, offer more shade structures, restrooms, seating, and pavement. Also we are in desperate need of more outdoor activities like maintained mountain bike trails, dirt bicycle parks, hiking trails, tennis courts, basketball courts, and more parks in general. I know without a doubt the majority of voters will vote on a tax if they feel that they were going to get something tangible in return. The best example of a town that wants more amenities and will use them, is the overwhelming success of the new Townsend farmers market. Apple Valley residents are eager to embrace anything new in our town and support it financially as well. I have coached many years in this town and feel bad sometimes what the parents and kids have to endure. There is very little shade, low number of restroom facilities, dirt parking lots, and walking areas that get extremely dusty from the wind. So, I will vote yes on a tax increase, but I ask that you show us your plans and ideas. There is no doubt that if you address any of the concerns I stated above many residents would rally around this tax increase to help see it succeed, because they want what you want and that is for Apple Valley to truly become a “Better way of Life”.

Thank you,

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