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Re: Lubbock Chamber Board Votes in Support of Lubbock County Expo Center

LUBBOCK, Texas – The Lubbock Chamber Board of Directors voted in favor of supporting the Lubbock County Expo Center at its monthly board meeting earlier today.

“The Chamber Board of Directors believe the Lubbock County Expo Center will be a great place for a variety of events for Lubbock County and its surrounding communities,” said Chairman Cory Powell. “Lubbock County needs a venue that will hold mid-sized events of all types year-round and we (*Chamber Board of Directors*) believe the Lubbock business community will greatly benefit from the amount of visitors this venue will attract to our city.”

The Lubbock County Expo Center will be maintained by a 501(c)3 and it won’t cost voters any increase in property tax. The Expo Center is Prop A on the ballot which requests a two percent (2%) increase in Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT); and a five percent (5%) tax increase for renting a car in Lubbock. Maintenance and operation funds will be paid with a combination of two additional sources: private partnership funds from naming rights and parking fees at the venue itself.

“The city of Lubbock needs an event center operated by a private entity instead of the county or city that can take the place of the Auditorium/Coliseum, and would a huge asset as well as event meeting spaces in town,” said Eddie McBride, President and CEO of the Lubbock Chamber. “A city of our size that continues to grow needs options and right now there is not an adequate facility to host horse shows, equipment shows, professional rodeos, and competitive livestock events to just name a few.”

To learn more about the Lubbock County Expo Center, Prop A on the ballot, visit LubbockBusinessVotes.com and click on “Your Vote, Your Voice”.

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The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce represents almost 1,900 businesses and over 79,000 employees on the South Plains which accounts for over \$2 billion in annual household earnings in Lubbock and West Texas. Since 1913 the Chamber, as a catalyst for business growth; a convener of leaders and influencers; and a champion for a stronger community, has served as a unified voice of business by actively advocating for a pro-jobs, pro-growth, pro-business climate.