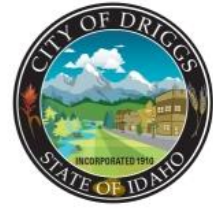




**Open Letter of Support**  
*Jackson & Teton County, Wyoming*  
*Housing and Transportation Funding*  
*Initiative*



October 4, 2016

Dear Jackson Town Council and Teton County Wyoming Board of County Commissioners,

The cities of Victor and Driggs write in joint support of the upcoming Jackson and Teton County, Wyoming ballot measure to dedicate a 1% local option sales tax towards two major issues facing our regional community: affordable housing and transportation.

The housing crisis coupled with a high need for transportation options highlights the dynamic relationship that exists between Teton Valley and Jackson Hole. It becomes especially significant when many Teton Valley citizens, homeowners and renters alike, make the Teton Pass commute to form a notable segment of the Jackson Hole workforce on a daily basis. It is also important to consider that it is Jackson Hole's jobs that contribute to a certain level of affordability for the Teton Valley community. The dedication of an estimated \$40,000,000 to \$48,000,000 in revenue generated over the course of four years with an objective to ease affordable housing and transportation in Jackson Hole, will naturally impact Teton Valley. As transportation options improve in Jackson Hole, so will the commute for our Teton Valley residents. As housing affordability improves in Jackson Hole, the homeownership opportunities and rental markets of Teton Valley will open correspondingly.

We applaud your demonstrated consideration in bringing forward the question of a 1% local option sales tax dedicated evenly to the resolved community priorities of affordable housing and transportation as shown by the fact that passage of this ballot measure will not increase the taxes of your citizens due to the SPET sunset this spring and that 60% of the revenue will be generated from Jackson's visitors. The Jackson Town Council's creation of a special reserve fund to track initiative revenue in the name of transparency and accountability to voters is earnest. Our community members will certainly contribute to that fund over time as they conduct daily spending activities in Jackson before heading home after the work day.

Simply put, the cities of Victor and Driggs believe strongly in the Teton Valley lifestyle. A measure that complements our efforts to improve the livelihood of our community members, such as a Jackson/Teton County Wyoming 1% local option sales tax dedicated solely to housing and transportation, will always garner our support. We are particularly grateful to the Town of Jackson and Teton County, Wyoming for their effort to address these fundamental issues head on and look forward to a continued partnership that aims to find solutions from a regional perspective.

Warm Regards,

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Mayor of City of Victor

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Mayor of City of Driggs