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Subject: TOL For Board of Adjustments re: EV Charging and Storage at Sandstone Park
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To: Town of Lyons Board Of Adjustments
From: Dave Hatchimonji, 200 Welch Ct., Lyons
Re: Variance application for EV Charging Station at Sandstone Park

Dear Town of Lyons Board of Adjustments,
As a town resident and former member and chair of the Sustainable Futures Commission, I am writing to you in support of granting a variance for locating a new EV charging and storage station at Sandstone Park.

In 2021 the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution 2021-105 which declared a Climate Emergency due to the impact of the drastic rise of human caused carbon emissions, and resolved in this resolution to commit to the following actions (2021-105, Section 2):

*"The Lyons Board of Trustees hereby: a. Proclaims that a climate emergency exists and has posed a serious and urgent threat to the well being of the Town and its residents, businesses, economy, and environment.
b. Further proclaims that it is the intent of the Town to do everything in its power to swiftly and decisively address this climate emergency and to reach or exceed the state of Colorado carbon emission reduction goals.
c. Acknowledges that through the immediate actions that must take place to address this climate emergency there may be short-term unintended consequences to its citizens and business, but that the near and long term benefits of a just and equitable transition to a clean energy and sustainable society will persist and is critical to the continuation of this planet and its living organisms."*

Within Boulder County transportation accounts for over 1/4 of the total annual greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) plus hazardous non-GHG tailpipe pollution. The result of which has a conclusive impact on resident health, ecosystem degradation, and the increased severity and frequency of natural disasters, all of which Lyons is very familiar with. Despite the fraudulent disinformation coming from Washington D.C. and the oil and natural gas lobby, it is imperative that the U.S. rapidly shifts away from fossil fuels for directly powering our vehicles, homes and businesses. In this effort, Colorado has taken a leadership role through policy and incentives to expand the network of EV charging stations throughout the state. Lyons with 2021-105 (b) endorses this state action to actively address transportation's GHG impacts.

Locating additional EV charging capacity at Sandstone Park is consistent with these commitments by the state and town, and far outweighs the physical impacts that such a fast charging station infrastructure may have on the park. Also given the discussion among the UEB and BOT regarding adopting a Time of Use electric rate structure, the ability of this EV charging station to store the energy pulled from the grid at optimal times when the cost of electricity is lower and there is more renewable available is both prudent and 'cleaner'.

Lyons as the "Gateway to the Rockies" is a crucial electric vehicle charging location along the Front Range. When travelers become aware of the increased charging opportunities in town,

should you and the BOT approve the applicant's permit, they can plan to avail themselves of this service and in doing so, will have an opportunity to patronize the businesses in town while their vehicles are charging. For town residents who lack the ability to efficiently charge their EVs at home, being able to rapidly charge up will be a tremendous benefit that you can grant them.

Though at this date (February 12, 2025), the specific details of the EV charging station application isn't available for public review (I understand that a public meeting is being planned for the week of the 17th), conceptually the proposal is in my opinion an idea that the town should embrace to a degree that any conditions for approval placed on the applicant ought to be minimized.

In closing, I will be traveling over the next few weeks and will thus miss the opportunity to address in-person your board when you take up this topic at the February 27 Board of Adjustments meeting, I wanted to provide my input since I feel strongly that this proposal should go forward with all expediency.

Sincerely,
Dave Hatchimonji
200 Welch Ct., Lyons