



## Administration Department

**DATE:** June 6, 2024

**FROM:** Jason Tomanek, City Administrator

**ITEM:** Letter of Support

**REQUEST:**

Consider the request from the Administration Department for a letter of support for Lady J's Catering, Inc.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Lady J's Catering, Inc. is a catering company located in Bismarck, ND. Lady J's has applied for a loan from the North Dakota Opportunity Fund Loan program for the local match of the Flex Pace interest buydown program through Cornerstone Bank in Bismarck, ND. As part of the approval process for the North Dakota Opportunity Fund, there is a requirement from the project's community that states the project does not qualify for the community's economic development fund, in this case, the Vision Fund, but that the community supports the project. I am seeking the community's support to use the Opportunity Fund on this project as we move forward.

Janice Martin, the current owner of Lady J's Catering, Inc. is working through a business purchase/transition that will make her three sons the new owners of Lady J's Catering, Inc. The business currently operates out of real estate they rent at 930 N Griffen St. in Bismarck, ND. With the sale of the business to Janice's sons, they will continue operating under the Lady J's Catering name and continue serving the local community with all their catering needs. The three new owners of the business will be Dauntae, Preston, and Casey Martin. All three of them will be equal owners in the business and will continue operating Lady J's Catering as if nothing changed.

**RECOMMENDED CITY COMMISSION ACTION:**

Consider and approve the request for a letter of support for Lady J's Catering, Inc.

**STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Lady J's letter of Support Request



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