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Here are my comments after listening to the speakers:

I'm was on Zoom watching the meeting. But did not see that I could participate. I think it was because I had clicked into the Zoom meeting but had not logged in to my own account? If that is how it works, you might want to make that clear to folks. I was driving so unable to address this at the time.

I'm was so pleased to see the community showed up in person to speak.

I know many of the speakers personally. All good people which reflects on what quality folks the Westendorfs are.

I would add:

- The Catch is a wonderful venue that hires local musicians and a beautiful event venue where I have attended birthday parties, going away parties and memorials for locals.

- I second the statement that the speakers reflect only a fraction of the community support the Westendorfs have.

- The 10:00 a.m. on a Wednesday presents a challenge for many of us to show up.

- I suggest that if you want a true reflection of support, you should allow a letter writing campaign or, better yet, have folks sign a Petition that reflects just how many community members support them.

I hope the District makes the right decision!

Very truly yours,

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