

## **Bobbie Walthall**

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**To:** Diane Stoddard  
**Subject:** RE: Catalyst program

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**Sent:** Monday, January 14, 2019 11:18 AM  
**To:** Diane Stoddard  
**Subject:** Catalyst program

Good morning Diane. I will be at the city commission meeting tonight for an item on the consent agenda, but I will unfortunately not be able to stay for the election of officers and the public hearing items. I see that the renewal of the Catalyst program is on the agenda tonight, and I realize my correspondence is too late to be included in the packets, but if you could share this with the Mayor and Commissioners I would be most appreciative.

To the Mayor and City Commissioners:

Congratulations on the Catalyst program. This is an innovative and exciting program that has already shown tremendous success for our community. In the short time it has been in place, we have already seen the construction of the Van Trust spec building in Venture Park. This is a fabulous facility that will hopefully become home to several new or expanding local businesses. Two of our existing companies, Plastikon and Grandstand, either have already or soon will be expanding in East Hills as a result of Catalyst. Each of these companies; Van Trust, Plastikon, and Grandstand, are making significant investments in our community and both Plastikon and Grandstand will be adding new jobs.

The program is working exactly as you had intended, and could not be more aptly named. I commend you for your vision and your commitment to facilitate investment and job creation in our community. Rarely do we have an opportunity to see a new program achieve such success in so short a time. Thank you for your creativity, your resolve, and for working for the best interests of our entire community.

I will be at the meeting tonight for an item that is on your consent agenda, but I have another commitment shortly thereafter and will not be able to stay for the remainder of the meeting tonight to speak to this item in person. I therefore encourage you to extend the program for another three years and approve the proposal that will be considered at this evenings' city commission meeting.

Thank you again, this is a major win-win for our entire community.

Best Regards (with a signature I will only have for another month as I will be fully retired),  
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