

Reply from the North Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce, Oct. 13, 2026

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From: Allison Sargent [REDACTED]
To: newsroom@lagovistawatchdog.com
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Subject: Re: Request for comment: chamber hotel tax payments and IRS filings

Jack,

Thank you for reaching out. I'm running between an EDC meeting and Twilight Concerts tonight, but I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

The City Council unanimously approved up to \$100,000 in support of the Chamber. The April 1 payment of \$30,000 was one quarterly reimbursement and represented less than half of what we submitted. The reimbursement was reviewed and approved by the City Manager and City Attorney, but we were not provided a breakdown of which line items were approved. Charles West issued an additional check approximately one week later following further review of qualifying expenses.

Throughout the year, we have been working to improve the reimbursement process as the City has continued to adjust its requirements. This has been an ongoing effort to ensure we are meeting expectations and maintaining clear, consistent documentation.

Regarding the IRS filings, you are correct. The Chamber filed incorrectly under previous leadership. These are inherited issues that I have been actively working to address. The concern specifically relates to which IRS form was used based on gross receipts. During those years, the Chamber also experienced significant financial losses, with its own reserves declining by more than \$140,000 to support HOT qualifying operations and events. I identified this decline within my first 90 days and brought it to the attention of both the City Council and Chamber Board in September 2025. Strengthening financial oversight, transparency, and

accountability has been one of my main priorities since stepping into this role.

I am more than happy to sit down with you, review records together, and provide additional information and context. I believe transparency is extremely important in any nonprofit organization, and I welcome the opportunity to discuss the facts openly.

Thank you again for reaching out.

Allison Sargent
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