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To Whom it May Concern,

I support The Contemporary Arts Kitchen and its continued growth and dedication to community arts and the youth of Klamath Falls.

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Additional Comments:

I have been at CAK in the capacity as one of the organizers of Innovative Women of Klamath Falls. I have observed the teens and young adults who use and volunteer at the facility, and I have been very impressed. Christy Soto has provided a great venue for these kids who might otherwise not have any other constructive place to be.

I am impressed with the standards that Christy requires of these young people. They are not only required to be drug and alcohol free while participating in activities or attending events, but they are also required to put in volunteer time both at CAK and in the community. Christy treats members with respect, and gives them value and self esteem, while teaching them job skills. Some of these young ones might not have anyone else in their life to value them.

If their facility was to move, it might be inaccessible to most of the youth who need it to be in close proximity to the downtown area. I believe that kids will find something to do, and if they are not given a place to be and standards to follow with pride, they will get in to trouble and have more problems with drugs and alcohol.

I know some dress a little edgy and have piercings and tattoos, but if you take a little time to speak with any of these young adults and teens, you find out that they are eager to please and have some great ideas and are hard workers.

How many men in their 40's and 50's used to wear a ponytail or still do? How many have tattoos - maybe even in a place where your boss might see it? Remember that 15 years ago, if you went on a job interview you might not be acceptable if someone could see a tattoo or piercing? Did it change who you are inside? Please support CAK in supporting the youth of our community.

