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**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 1:45 PM  
**To:** Public Comment; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Chris Rameson  
**Subject:** Live Oak Canyon Pumpkin Patch--Agenda 9/14  
**Attachments:** Pumpkin Patch letter.doc

Hello,

attached is a letter to the City Council for inclusion in the public comment section for Tomorrow's (9/14) Council meeting. Please include this letter in the archives as well. I am unable to attend but want to have my opinion and comment recognized by the Mayor and Council.

Thank You,  
Devon Riley



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September 13, 2020

Dear Council members,

I am writing in support of the opening of Live Oak Canyon Pumpkin Patch and the efforts of owner Chris Rameson. As an owner of another local farm operation and long-time friend of the past owners of “the Pumpkin Patch”, I know the work and dedication that goes into developing and operating such a farm. It takes constant attention, adaptability, know-how and tenacity to keep a farm of that scale in business.

While it would be tempting and far easier as well as profitable for Chris to sell-out to a large, chain retailer or truck stop or other commercial entity, it is the love of cultivating the “fruit of the land” and exposing visitors to that experience that drives Chris and other farmers like him; like me. For some reason, we are all addicted to an uneasy, time and energy-consuming and sometimes unprofitable venture. He (like we) especially need your support. It could be the defining decision of your tenure as council members: whether you want to continue the tradition of semi-rural life in Yucaipa valley or you want it to march, untethered toward suburbia with no farm or ranch presence whatsoever.

Please work with Chris in making the needed improvements over time to accommodate his neighbors while at the same time preserving the scenic corridor and farm tradition of his beautiful FARM LAND. Those of us to the North in Oak Glen will be watching.

Thoughtfully,

Devon Riley  
The Riley Clan and Los Rios Rancho

