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First, thank you for allowing the opportunity to submit written comments - juggling busy schedules often means the regular 4pm meeting time is difficult to catch.

I'd like to comment regarding the discussion to amend the Fire Mesa kitchen contract to be more inclusive of all the ways in which it can be used. I fully support the idea of the kitchen having a more flexible model that would allow for a variety of uses. Certainly, it's important to keep renting the kitchen to the community and surrounding communities in a way that allows for events, private gatherings, parties, reunions, etc, but allowing for a more flexible, subscription-based approach for those who may need access to a kitchen more regularly makes complete sense. It's not one or the other - they can coexist beautifully with scheduling and flexibility.

Certainly, issues discussed in your previous work session (cost, cleaning, etc.) can and will be addressed as part of the effort. While this model would allow for a discounted rate for regular use - that would provide regular, reliable income as opposed to one-off use here and there. Could it actually bolster the budget, not detract from it? Let's see.

This is an existing service the town can better utilize to help individuals and small businesses. Changing the rental model would make the kitchen more accessible, not less - and that's how it should be - it's a **community** kitchen.

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