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I am writing on behalf of the Elgin Stampeders Association to request your support for an essential project that aims to preserve the heart and history of our community: the rebuilding of the Elgin Stampede Community Hall. For over 70 years, this facility has served as a vibrant gathering space and an essential resource for residents, visitors, and emergency responders. As a focal point for countless community events—from fundraisers and dinners to emergency command center operations during wildfire season—the hall has provided a safe, dependable place for families, businesses, and agencies to gather and support one another. However, with more than seven decades of wear, the hall is now in urgent need of replacement to continue serving our community and meeting today's standards of safety, accessibility, and functionality. The current Elgin Stampede Hall is in dire need of replacement. It is more than 70 years old. It is such a vital part of not only Elgin, but the entire region, especially when it serves as a command center for FEMA, the State of Oregon, the National Guard, United States Forest Service during Wildfire Season. In addition to being a vital part of managing wildfires, it is also a hub of activity for the community throughout the year, bringing economic benefits throughout the year. You may have attended an event or a celebration of life at this building, or maybe even the ever-popular, All-You-Can-Eat Elgin Stampede Crab Feed the day before the Super Bowl each year.

I have personally been to the Stampeders Hall for:

- The Phillips Creek Wildfire Incident Command Center
- The Elbow Creek Wildfire Incident Command Center
- Oregon Department of Forestry annual Cooperator meeting
- Multiple FFA Career Development Events, FFA Banquets (celebrating the achievements of our local youth)
- The annual Stampeders Steak Feed (so much more than a local fundraiser).

The City of Elgin is the hub of Northern Union County. The Stampeders Hall is certainly an integral part of that hub. A modernized Elgin Stampede Community Hall will provide even greater value to our community. It will enhance local economic vitality, allow for expanded programming, and strengthen emergency response capabilities. By supporting this project, we will ensure a facility that will remain at the core of our community, fostering unity and resilience for generations to come.

Thank you for considering this request. Your support is invaluable to us and the future of our community.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any question.

Sincerely,

Paul Anderes, Union County Commissioner