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Commissioner Joshua G. Parsons, Chairman
Commissioner Dennis P. Stuckey, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner Craig E. Lehman
Lancaster County Board of Commissioners
150 North Queen Street, Suite 715
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17603

Dear Commissioners,

The Lancaster Chamber has been working with the Lancaster County Planning Commission since 2015 as a partner for place, helping to seek business input and to develop the Places2040 plan. The plan presents a blueprint for growth that we feel will help attract and retain a skilled workforce for the county's business's needs, while also presenting a path to ensure that what makes us special remains and our economy grows.

We would like to highlight key strategies that we feel are important as the County Commissioner's consider support of Places2040.

- It is critical that County of Lancaster deploy the resources for Lancaster County Planning Commission or other implementation organizations to take a proactive approach with municipalities for the implementation of Places2040 – encouraging regional planning and a holistic approach that furthers the goals and objectives of the plan.
- The development of implementation and mobilization efforts is necessary to ensure that the plan is widely recognized and adopted across our community, with County leadership actively promoting the tenets of the plan.
- Business, municipal and community leaders need to encourage collaboration and open dialogue to meet the goals around communities, corridors and landscapes that are critical to making the vision in the plan a reality.

We encourage the County Commissioners to adopt Places2040 and support the strategies and recommendations of the plan moving forward.

With the adoption of Places2040, we can continue to grow our economy, strengthen our community and maintain the quality of place that makes Lancaster County an attractive place.

Sincerely,

Nelson Longenecker
Board Chair

Tom Baldrige
President & CEO