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Recently the Board of Directors for the Port Angeles Regional Chamber of Commerce had an opportunity to hear a proposal regarding Family Medicine of Port Angeles moving to where the City Light Building is currently located.

This discussion was timely due to the interest the Chamber has had with trying to expand the business base of the downtown area. We feel that diversity is a very important element to a successful downtown region and a non-retail related business such as Family Medicine of Port Angeles would be a very good development. The clinic would bring several hundred people a day in to this section of town, which will then expose residents that do not normally visit downtown to shops, restaurants and galleries in the area. Also the employee base would be a boost to the downtown area for meals and shopping. In addition the clinic could easily spawn other medical businesses or professionals to consider the downtown section of town.

Another very important element to this move is simply the new construction that would happen in a section of town that desperately needs it. If downtown is going to have success then we as a community need to bring in new development. With the plans that are in place which include a condo/hotel for the Oak Street property, upgrading of the Landing Mall, construction of the Gateway Plaza and bus transfer station, and the potential for a waterfront promenade the community could easily see significant new life for downtown Port Angeles.

The Board of Directors for the Port Angeles Regional Chamber of Commerce encourages you to work with the staff of the Family Medicine of Port Angeles Clinic and help them build their clinic as quickly as possible at 240 West Front Street.

Sincerely

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