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To: Town Council Group
Subject: Ethics commission proposal

To the members of the Town Council,

I'm writing in support of establishing an ethics commission. I have very simple reasons for wanting this to occur. We live in a society that is divided. People aren't as easily trusting of one another as I would like. We get our news from echo chambers that often speak to our prejudices and not to the facts. In a small town, if one encounters an ethical problem, it is more important than ever that there be a clearly established code of ethics, and a way to assess and evaluate the validity of any concerns of a breach of ethics. Ledyard should be a community that puts a structure around any complaint toward any individual that is able to evaluate concerns in complete confidentiality, while at the same time honor and protect both the complainant and the person or persons who are the subject of the complaint. Creating clarity around issues of ethics, with a well defined process, seems a prudent approach.

Thank you for your consideration,
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