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Hi TTAD Board-- My name is Craig Rowe and since Wed looks like a long and busy meeting, I just wanted to share my public comment in support of trying to find an equitable lease resolution for the Lift that aligns with TTAD guidelines. I know that each of you have been working very hard on this issue and that you've studied lease details that neither myself nor the general public have considered. I also believe that the board supports our non-profit community in many ways and would like to see the Lift remain open.

So, I would simply like to express my many positive experiences at Lift as a community hub. From school club meetings, to scholarships for new entrepreneurs, to free community events the Lift has been a safe and accessible community asset and I hope a fair and legal lease resolution can be found to allow the Lift to keep operating. Thank you for your board service!

Craig Rowe, Ph.D.
Director, *La Fuerza Latina*
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I am writing today in support of the airport compromising with the Lift on a lease renewal that allows the Lift to continue providing an incredibly valuable resource and service to the local community.

Last year, I spent a great deal of time working at the Lift and participating in programs, including a regular conditioning class, and renting space for meetings and calls. I also had the honor and pleasure of working closely with the library bond measure campaign as a volunteer, and as a mentor to two local founders who were, in turn, supported as “entrepreneurs in residence” by the Lift. These two young local women are alumni of the “La Fuerza Latina” program at Truckee High and founded a media agency called La Fuerza Latina Agency (LFL) with the library campaign as their first client. The Lift provided desk space, conference rooms, and a thriving network of local businesses and leaders that proved incredibly valuable to LFL and the library campaign — all as donations in line with the Lift’s mission.

This is an outstanding example of the value the Lift provides the local community, and it is only one of many in their ongoing efforts. A renewed lease that supports the Lift’s plans to operate as a community benefit nonprofit makes good sense for the airport board.

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From: [Kevin Burton](#)
To: [Comments](#)
Subject: Public Comment — Lift Workspace Lease (Support)
Date: Monday, August 24, 2026 10:34:47 AM

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Dear Members of the Truckee Tahoe Airport District Board,

Thank you for the care you put into stewarding this district's resources for public benefit. I'm writing as a Truckee-area resident and a Lift Workspace member to ask you to secure a long-term, sustainable lease for Lift.

I want to make one narrow point, as I believe I have unusual standing to make it.

I've lived and worked in New York City, San Francisco, and Boulder. I've worked out of the top-tier coworking spaces in those markets - WeWork, Galvanize, and others. I know what a well-run workspace looks like, and I know what a mediocre one looks like dressed up in good branding.

Lift is fully competitive with the best of them. Not "good for a mountain town" — competitive on the merits, in operations, in culture, in the quality of the people it attracts. That is not a courtesy assessment. It is the straightforward comparison from someone who has paid for the alternatives in three major metros.

What makes that remarkable is where it is. Look at other towns Truckee's size anywhere in the country, and you will find coworking that is dramatically weaker - an underused back room, a space that opened and closed, or nothing at all.

Facilities of Lift's caliber cluster in cities twenty times our population, because that's where the density is to support them. Truckee has one anyway. That is a genuine anomaly, and it is an enormous asset to this community.

It functions as economic infrastructure, not an amenity. It's where remote employees, entrepreneurs, nonprofits, and job seekers here have a professional home. In a region actively working on economic diversification, that infrastructure is the diversification. It also cannot be casually rebuilt - 13 years of operating history and 280+ members is not something a successor tenant reassembles.

I understand the District's obligation to steward tax revenue responsibly, and I'm not asking you to ignore it. I'd ask you to consider what the Board has already recognized elsewhere: that public benefit is part of the return. I support the terms your staff recently negotiated and encourage restoring the tenant improvement budget, which expands capacity and produces long-term value for both the District and Lift.

Losing Lift would be a loss this community could not replace. I'd ask you to close terms that keep it here.

Thank you for your service and for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Kevin Burton
Truckee Resident and Lift Member

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Date: Monday, August 24, 2026 11:43:34 AM

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Hi,

I'm writing to voice my support for The Lift office space.

I've been going to Lift for about 3 years and it's been a crucial part of my work here in Truckee. It offers me a space to work, meet with others, and manage my responsibilities. It's fairly priced and affordable for my company. I've also made some incredible friends here.

I have found no other comparable options in Truckee at the same quality or price range and would really be at a loss if I weren't able to come here any more. I truly think it would impact my ability to be productive and get work done, which puts my families stability here in Truckee at risk.

On top of that, I really enjoy being in the airport area. I'm a frequent patron of Red Truck, as Larry can attest, and I love bumping into friends and connecting with more of my Tahoe/Truckee community out on the patio for lunch breaks.

I've been so grateful to find this space and hope I can continue working here in the future!

Thanks for your consideration,
Brita Ulf

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Dear TTAD Board Members and staff,

I am writing this letter in support of the Lift Coworking space. I've been a resident of Truckee for the three years and a Lift member for the two. I run a small business in the energy sector and have benefited greatly from the facilities that Lift offers, both professionally and in terms of community. There have been several occasions where I have needed a specialized skillset (graphic design, software development, or energy sector recommendations) and have found the resources I need within the Lift network.

Lift has served as an indispensable asset as a nexus for professionals in the Truckee-North Lake Tahoe community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,
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The Lift Workspace has been a generous supporter of the Truckee Roundhouse since our inception. They have consistently been a partner to us, supporting community, collaboration, and social impact. We have used the space to host our Board meetings, team meetings, and training sessions. The use of their space bridged an operational gap during our expansion, and we are so grateful for their support. Our region lacks indoor spaces to collaborate and build community, as is evident by the many capital campaigns currently underway, and the Lift has helped meet that need for so many community members and nonprofits.

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I reviewed the materials for Agenda Item 6, and I'm confused about why the performance bonus program is back as an option for approval. The July 29 meeting minutes say the Board discussed the program and reached consensus to direct staff to remove the Exceptional Merit Cash Payment Program from PI 110 and bring the revised policy back.

But now the Board is being given two versions to consider? One that removes it, and one that keeps it? If management wants the Board to reconsider, that should be stated clearly in their staff report.

More importantly, Version 2 says the actual details for eligibility, award levels, nominations, and approvals will be in the employee handbook. Why are these details not included in the Board packet? Is management really asking the Board to consider approving a cash bonus program using public funds without seeing the full program details for who qualifies, how amounts are decided, or what controls are in place? Given the concerns that brought this issue to the Board in the first place, what is being presented seems backwards and quite presumptuous. If this revised program is supposed to be more structured and fair, then the Board as well as the public (it's our tax dollars after all) should be able to see the full framework before it is considered for approval.

The cleaner and more accountable action is to approve Version 1. If staff wants to propose a new bonus program in the future, they can bring back a complete proposal, with **all** of the program details included, and allow the Board to consider it on its merits.

Until then, the Board should follow their direction it already gave last month and vote to remove this program from policy.

Austin

From: [David Tirman](#)
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Dear TTAD Board:

I understand the TTAD Board will discuss the long-term lease for the Lift at 10266 Truckee Airport Road during a closed session at the TTAD Board meeting on August 26, 2026. This message supports fair and equitable treatment for the Lift and its long-term residency on airport property. Like many community members, I believe the Lift is a community asset unlike any other and that it would be ideal to find a collaborative approach to leasing terms and conditions that would result in a win-win for the TTAD, the Lift, and its many adherents. Both the TTAD and the Lift have impressive track records of supporting worthy community causes. Although the Lift is a community business, it has overwhelmingly supported community causes by providing much-needed office and meeting space for our non-profit and entrepreneurial communities. In short, my ask and recommendation to the TTAD Board is to treat the Lift fairly, recognize the increasing cost pressures on the Lift and its patrons, and aim for a win-win in the final lease outcome.

Respectfully,

David Tirman

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Hello Truckee airport Authority,

My name is Jacob Morgan, and I've been a member of the Lift since 2020. I'm here today simply as a member of this community and as someone who believes the Lift has become something much more valuable than just office space.

For me personally, the Lift has been an important part of building my business, Outfit Energy, which is focused on renewable energy and power infrastructure. The level of community and collaboration that happens at the Lift has been exceptional. It has become a bit of a think tank for me and for others working in renewable energy, development, and powered land projects.

I'm able to meet with consultants and colleagues in person when they're in town, have conversations with other business owners, and make connections that simply wouldn't happen if I were working out of a traditional office or remotely.

But what I really appreciate about the Lift is that it extends beyond my business.

I'm able to use the gym there, which is a small thing in some respects, but it's part of what makes the Lift feel like a community rather than just a workspace. My wife has also been able to use the Lift to market her candle business and connect with clients. Those kinds of opportunities are incredibly valuable for small businesses and entrepreneurs in Truckee.

And I think that's what makes the Lift special. It creates a place where businesses, nonprofits, entrepreneurs, and people from very different backgrounds can cross paths and help each other.

Truckee is becoming an increasingly expensive and difficult place for small businesses and entrepreneurs to operate. Having an accessible, professional, collaborative space like the Lift is something I think this community should be trying to preserve—not lose.

I understand that the Airport Board has a responsibility to be good stewards of public assets and to make sound financial decisions. I respect that responsibility. But I also hope the Board considers the broader value that the Lift provides to this community when evaluating the lease.

For me, the Lift isn't just a place where I rent a desk. It has helped me build my business, build relationships, and feel more connected to the Truckee community.

I strongly support finding a sustainable long-term agreement that allows the Lift to continue operating at the airport, and I hope the Board will find a way to make that happen.

Thank you.

Jacob Morgan

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TTAD board,

I am writing as a member of the community in support of the TTAD engaging with the Lift management toward accommodations to find a path forward for the long term viability of this remarkable community asset.

I can tell you personally that the Lift is far more than a co-working space. While I have used co-working spaces in my life, I've never experienced one that was so focused on **building community** and supporting the community at large.

The Lift stands out for its clear sense of mission around supporting not-for-profit organizations and serving organizations that are striving to have a positive impact on our region. I have been impressed at its design around different working modalities, including health and fitness professions, and its commitment to publicly available (not just for members) education and community-building programs. It truly is a unique, incredible asset for Truckee and the surrounding area.

I ask want to call out the Lift for creating an environment and fee structure that enables a diverse and inclusive group of people to come together. I truly cherish the broad mix of people, ages, and professions that I get to work alongside and get to know personally. The Lift has become an enormous part of what I most treasure about being part of this community.

I am traveling this week and am sad that I am unable to attend the hearing to lend my voice directly to this call. Please accept this note as my urgent plea for you to consider the Lift not as a business, but as a critical community hub that consistently goes the extra mile to have a positive and lasting impact.

Thank you for your consideration,

Bill Fleig
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From: [Jan Atwell Holan](#)
To: [Robb Etnyre](#); [Jeff Menasco](#); [Comments](#)
Subject: Jan Holan Public Comment for Aug 26th Board Meeting
Date: Monday, August 24, 2026 5:04:20 PM

Dear Truckee Tahoe Airport Board and Staff, (bcc to Board)

Thank you for your engagement and patience throughout the Lift lease process. We are optimistic that we are arriving at an agreement, while understanding that the Board must review the proposed changes.

After many months of private meetings with Airport staff, we are now engaging the Lift community in a spirit of gratitude, celebration, and participation. We know it will take an engaged community to operate the Lift sustainably, particularly for public benefit as a nonprofit.

The Lift community has been informed that we can only ask for a reasonable market-rate lease because we applied as a “for-profit” entity, and that a new RFP process would be required if a substantial discount were offered to the Lift Truckee Tahoe Foundation to operate the Lift.

This is a quote from a message we are sharing with a few of our supporters:

“I can’t emphasize enough—**every one of our publicly elected TTAD Board Members and staff are community-minded dedicated public servants.** They also generally support the Lift continuing operations at the airport.

They take stewardship of property tax revenue seriously for maximum public benefit. Under the Board’s direction, staff has been systematically improving the efficiency and sustainability of airport operations, including leased buildings like hangars and the office building that is home to the Lift.

Tax revenue that is not needed for operations and capital improvements has been directed toward community benefit. Recent examples include \$6.5M in forestry grants for wildfire prevention and a \$2M matching grant to the Friends of the Truckee Library—a Lift-sponsored member for more than five years.”

While we haven’t reviewed a final draft lease, my understanding is that we have aligned with staff on the following for Board review:

1.

Proposed target lease rate of \$2.00 instead of \$2.125. We understand that \$2.00 may be the best offer the Board and staff can support, even though we believe our offer of \$1.85 is within the market-rate range for a building of this size, with large

open space and a limited tenant pool. The commercial market has also softened in recent months, based on average listing duration, to levels not seen since before COVID.

2.

Lease guarantee of 6 months for Option A without TI's and 12 months for Option B with TI's. If we need to terminate the lease early, the notification periods would align with the lease guarantee. This provision is essential for Lisa and me to personally guarantee the lease, particularly at the negotiated rate. It will also make it easier to transfer this obligation to the nonprofit or share it with other benefactors.

3.

TI Budget. With construction costs escalating, we have been concerned that completing the full TI scope we originally planned could cost well over \$1M, and we have been considering reducing the scope. Unfortunately, reducing the scope does not mean it will cost half as much. With a required independent project manager and prevailing wages, we are concerned about creating a meaningful number of private offices and sound-insulated spaces for much less than the original \$1M budget. It is difficult to secure a reputable contractor for less than \$1M. We are willing to accept whatever amount the Board is comfortable supporting, but ask the Board to consider supporting the original \$1M budget. The TIs will help the Lift serve more organizations, improve sustainability, and provide a steady return on an appreciating building asset for TTAD.

We know we need to accept the best market rate that TTAD can support. We expect roughly a 40% increase in our lease and CAM costs in just over three years. This will be challenging to pass on to many members, particularly our self-employed, marginally-employed, and nonprofit members.

At a time when Truckee Tahoe is becoming more exclusive, the Lift wants to be more inclusive. We want to continue providing affordable professional space to entrepreneurs, employees, students, job-seekers, and nonprofits, while hosting events for the whole community.

After the lease is signed, we hope the Board will consider a community partnership with the Lift Truckee Tahoe Foundation and the many organizations hosted at the Lift to help address our region's toughest challenges like managing change, affordability, mental health, housing, climate adaptation, and economic diversification.

Thank you for your consideration. I am truly grateful for every Board member's commitment to our community.

Respectfully,
Jan

Jan Atwell Holan (he/him)
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TTAD Board Members,

I'm writing in support of Jan Holan, his team, and the amazing community of professionals they've built over many years at the Lift. Please support their reasonable asks and allow the amazing community you've seeded to continue growing.

As a member for the last six years, I've watched first-hand as the Lift transformed and grew from a small one-room operation on Business Park Drive to the vibrant, inclusive, Truckee-championing business community it is today. Jan and team do not just provide a first-rate professional co-working environment – they foster engagement and involvement. As an entrepreneur myself – who manages a team spread out across the country – it is the highlight of my day to go to work in a place I love (Truckee) and engage with others who feel the same, and who are purposely choosing to get out of their home office/bedroom, and work with a community.

In the last six years the Lift has become so much more than a convenient way to not “work from home” – it's become the central professional business community in Truckee. Don't stop that now – it's just getting good, and its authentic in all the right ways!

Respectfully,
Patrick Sullivan



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Hello Truckee Tahoe Airport Board,

I joined Visit Truckee-Tahoe in 2024, and while I wasn't new to the community, I was new to the world of Truckee's community nonprofits. My CEO recommended I work from the Lift to have a space outside my house where I could interact with other community members. It's been one of the better work decisions I've made. Coming from a large team and a corporate(ish) environment, the Lift gave me a similar communal space to connect with others as I joined our two person organization.

The Lift has been a wonderful place to not only get my work done, but also to host board meetings and connect with other organizations around the region. I've met so many wonderful people here, whether over lunch with someone new or over coffee in the kitchen. I've truly valued my time at the Lift, and I know many others feel the same.

As I've mentioned before, I sit near the entrance, and I'm continually struck by how many people pass through. Everyone from longtime community members to new faces just moving here and visitors who need a quiet place to work for a day or a week.

Spaces like the Lift are rare in a community our size, and losing it would leave a real gap for the people and small organizations who rely on it. I hope the Board will keep this all in mind as you consider the lease.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Jackie

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Airport Board:

Please consider my comment below as a member of the public.

How the Lift has personally benefitted me and by extension, the Truckee community, and why I think it is a crucial community asset:

- I was able to grow my business (High West Law) by using the Lift. The Lift was crucial for bridging the gap between operating a micro business out of my house and renting dedicated commercial space. In this transition time, the Lift was massively helpful, allowing my business to grow in a more public way by providing office and conference room space at a reasonable cost. Bridging this growth gap at a reasonable cost and risk would have been much harder or impossible without the Lift's assistance.

- After working out of the Lift for a period of time, I was able to transition the business to renting a commercial space in the Pioneer Commerce Center.

- As a result of the Lift's support, High West Law now employs around 5 people that live in the Truckee area.

I think it is important that entrepreneurs can more easily start and grow businesses in the Truckee area. The Lift is a crucial asset in this goal, and efforts should be made to protect and nurture it.

What I'm asking the Board to consider:

- Support the recent staff negotiations which lowered the personal guarantee limits and market-rate rent consistent with a second independent professional appraisal paid for by the Lift.

- Restore some, if not all, of the improvement budget we lost in exchange for the above. The improvements will subdivide the space and build small offices and quiet rooms to serve more individuals and organizations while providing long-term revenue and value for the Lift and TTAD.

- We are asking TTAD to engage with our growing nonprofit community at the Lift over the coming months and years to see how TTAD community funding can help them be sustainable for the benefit of the Truckee Tahoe community.

Thank you,

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TTAB:

Please find my public comment for tomorrow's closed session item regarding the Lift agreement.

Thank you,
Kelly

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Good afternoon,

Attached, please see comments pertaining to Aug. 26 meeting agenda item "CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS"

Thanks,

Jeff

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I'm a currently unemployed person, keeping my mental health in check while navigating job search, partly because I can still somehow budget for Lift.

I've been a member at coworking spaces around the country and the world, and the Lift is truly unique. Maybe you come in because you just need a quick day to get emails done on a ski trip. Maybe you can't work without body doubles (shoutout to my neurodivergent community). Maybe you just love dogs. But even the most introverted person gets sucked into all the community events going on here, the workout classes, even just stopping to read the billboards. It all gives you a sense of Truckee around you. I've never learned anything about the people, the city, the neighborhood in any other coworking space. They're usually sterile locations where you come to get your stuff done and leave.

The Lift is also good for Airport business. Any time I walk into the Airport building for Red Truck (shoutout to the best breakfast bowls in the land), there are fellow Lifties there, the place is alive. Not very common amongst airports with a similar customer profile. Plus, I have to admit, before Lift I didn't know Truckee had an airport. Now I do, know it's cool, and have recommended it as an alternative to RNO to several hobby pilots and high network individuals looking to have their next board meeting in Tahoe. I truly admire the airport for its reach into being a community hub - doing charity work, hosting the Lift and the non-profit warehouse row - rather than an exclusive transit center on the outskirts of town like other executive-type airports tend to be.

Finally, let's talk about the Tahoe region we all want.

Tahoe is special. Not a single legendary mountain with a cool town like Batchelor, Mammoth, or Killington. Not an exclusively luxury destination where only the 1% can afford homes, child care, or healthcare like Aspen, Vail, or Jackson Hole. Tahoe is unique not just for its resort variety comparable to Salt Lake or Summit County, CO; but also because it (still) has soul. Soul comes from culture, which comes from the local community. Despite the rising costs, the Tahoe community is still managing to be diverse, inclusive, and fun. And it's places like Lift that keep it that way.

Dear Airport, for as long as you can, keep Lift Lift. Keep Tahoe Tahoe.

Kristjan Lillemets

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Dear Members of the Truckee Tahoe Airport District Board,

I'm writing as a Truckee resident, a Lift member, and an attendee at many of their entrepreneurship related events to ask you to support lease terms that keep the Lift at the airport for the long term.

I wanted to share one thing that really stands out to me about the Lift that I think is not obvious. While I'd love a local job, currently I have remote job. We know many people here do. The Lift is the only entity of its kind that takes people who might otherwise have a very solitary experience, fairly disconnected from Truckee, and connects them to our community. After working remotely for a few years it was a complete breath of fresh air when I discovered it and started going and meeting other Truckee residents.

My kid is in day care here, my wife works at the hospital, we meet people at the glenshire pool etc... but the sense of being connected with others through work is totally different and I get that through the Lift.

The Lift is a very key part of the social fabric here.

I understand the Board's responsibility to steward public dollars carefully, and I appreciate the community benefit you've already directed toward the region. I'd ask you to weigh the Lift in that same light: as a community asset that returns immense value to the district well beyond the rent line.

Thank you for your service and for considering this.

Sincerely,
Daniel Feldman
Glenshire, Truckee

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Subject: Public Comment in Support of the Lift
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To the Truckee Tahoe Airport Board,

I'm writing this public comment in support of the Lift Workspace in both my capacity as a member of a local organization (Placemate) who uses the space as our office and as an individual member.

The Lift is a unique resource in Truckee and a perfect use of the building. It is a phenomenal homebase from which Placemate has been able to grow our team, hiring additional locals which allows us to continue supporting destination community workforce housing. Additionally, membership at the Lift has helped me and so many others to feel more connected and less isolated while working computer based jobs.

Perhaps most importantly, the Lift is also a community space, used frequently to host important events focused on the betterment of the N Tahoe/Truckee area. As I understand it, use of Lift space is often donated for these events which shows how committed to the community Jan and the Lift team are.

The Truckee Tahoe Airport Board should do all it can to ensure that the Lift can maintain its current operations and expand the space for additional use. There is nowhere else in our region that serves as a mission driven co-working/community gathering space and a forced closure due to increased rental rates would be a loss for Truckee and N Tahoe as a whole.

Thank you,

[Isaac Landman](#) (he/him)
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Dear Members of the Truckee Tahoe Airport District Board,

I've lived in Truckee for six years and I've been a member of the Lift for the last year and a half. I've voted for members of this Board because I wanted representatives who take local interests and community building seriously, and I'm writing to ask you to support lease terms that keep the Lift at the airport for the long term.

I work remotely for a large tech company. Without the Lift, I'd be at home alone most of the week. That's survivable, but in a town this small and tight-knit, having a place to work alongside people outside my own friend group and my own industry is genuinely valuable. I'm there two or three times a week. I've gotten recommendations, resources, and connections there that I wouldn't have found otherwise. Those of us who work there also buy coffee and lunch nearby and stop at the grocery store on the way home, benefitting nearby tenants.

I know the district takes its stewardship of public money seriously, and I've seen that produce real good, like the forestry grants and the library match. Which is why this is hard to watch. A taxpayer-funded district shouldn't be pushing a working community space toward closing over rent. This building was paid for by the people who live here, and we are the return on that investment.

It's also bad business to lose a good tenant. The Lift was the only applicant to your RFP in January, which tells you what this space commands on the open market. If the Lift closes, how many months does this building sit empty, and has that lost revenue been priced into the decision? A higher rent two years from now doesn't make up for a year of no rent at all — and that assumes a higher rent is out there to be had.

Specifically, I hope you'll support the terms your staff has already negotiated, and restore the improvement budget so the space can be subdivided into smaller offices and quiet rooms. That serves more people and creates more long-term value for both the Lift and the District. Truckee keeps getting more expensive and more exclusive. The Lift runs the other way. I'm asking you to keep it here, and I'll be watching how this vote goes.

Thank you for your service, and for considering this comment. I plan to attend Wednesday's meeting.

Sincerely,

Mel Curtis

From: [Kellie Cutler](#)
To: [Comments](#)
Cc: [Jan Atwell Holan](#); [Hannah Geisen](#); [Kellie Cutler](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - 8/26 TTAD BOD Meeting
Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2026 4:48:34 PM
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August 25, 2026

Dear Truckee Tahoe Airport District Board of Directors,

My name is Kellie Cutler, Program Manager, Truckee Cultural District (TCD). I am writing in support of Lift Truckee (8/26/2026 BOD Agenda Item -Closed Session/Conference with Real Property Negotiators). Specifically, in support of recent negotiations which lowered the personal guarantee limits and market-rate rent, the restoration of proposed improvement budget, and understanding of the growing nonprofit community/ecosystem at Lift Truckee and contribution to nonprofit sustainability needed to benefit our entire community over time.

The Truckee Cultural District has relied heavily on being a nonprofit “anchor” tenant at Lift Truckee since September 2023. Working as a driver for our creative economy and a creative workforce solutions partner, TCD has used Lift Truckee as basecamp in our state designated cross-sector partnerships with the Town of Truckee, Truckee Tahoe Arts Alliance, Truckee Chamber of Commerce and Truckee Downtown Merchants Association. The Lift office allows TCD to stay visible and fully execute all programs including TTAD Art at the Airport, Town of Truckee Dark Skies public awareness and educational outreach, and TTUSD student mentoring in creative career pathways.

TCD is able to operate efficiently and effectively across these and many other community partnerships due to our office at Lift Truckee and lease agreement which has not been increased in three years, allowing TCD to stay operating in a business environment with restricted grant funding.

We are one of a long list of businesses, nonprofits, agencies and community stakeholders that use and rely on Lift Truckee daily as their home base for operations and services.

TCD considers TTAD to be a deeply valued community partner in helping to achieve Cultural District priorities related to the Annual STEAM Student Art Exhibition,

creative career pathways, creative meetups, and MUSE literary publication distribution. Similarly, Lift Truckee is a needed community asset working across industries, the non-profit and for-profit business sector. Please consider these comments in your agenda discussions on Wednesday along with the positive impact Lift Truckee has across this community.

With Respect,

Kellie Cutler, Program Manager
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Subject: LIFT
Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2026 8:53:24 PM

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I am writing to express my appreciation for the Lift workspace. I have worked as a structural engineer in Truckee since 1970 and am still active within the design community. Our previous firm, Gabbart & Woods Tahoe Partners / Structural Engineers was the Engineer of Record for the Lift building.

My current business, Woods SE llc, is quite small since I am now only working part time. Therefore it is not realistic for me to rent an office space on my own. The Lift co-work model has afforded me the opportunity to network with other engineers and has also provided a welcoming spot for my architectural and building clientele to meet with me. I cannot overstate the difference Lift has made in my ability to make my small business model work.

In my opinion, Jan's approach is what makes this space work for myself and many others. His obvious dedication is noticeable and it sparks a positive collaborative attitude amongst the membership. I would guess this spills over in many ways to affect the Town and the North Shore region.

To conclude, I believe my impact in sharing my knowledge and experience in the local building industry would be diminished if not for the environment Jan has created.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Best Regards,
Rocky

From: [Jan Atwell Holan](#)
To: [Robb Etnyre](#); [Jeff Menasco](#); [Comments](#)
Subject: Lift Lease Rate Update for Closed Session
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2026 11:36:01 AM
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Dear Truckee Tahoe Airport Board and Staff, (bcc to Board)

With apologies for the late update, I understand there may be concerns about lowering the lease rate to \$2.00 per sq. ft. as negotiated with staff and supported by an independent certified appraisal.

While we hope the Board supports the negotiated rate, we are willing to accept \$2.125 if this is the lowest market rate you can support. There is too much on the line for our Lift community to stall negotiations over \$16K per year.

Retaining the \$1M tenant improvement budget to serve more organizations and lowering the lease guarantee with a reasonable exit option is far more important to our family and the nonprofit board.

Some additional context: Starting in January 2029 (2 years, 4 months away), without tenant improvements our projected expenses overall will increase by about 38% and \$209K with payroll for an executive director, rent at \$2.00 and CAM accounting for the largest increases.

Year #	0	1	2	3
Expense per Year	2026	2027	2028	2029
Burdened Payroll + Insurance	\$166,806	\$211,543	\$248,526	\$260,953
Office, Software, Professional Services	\$21,313	\$29,649	\$31,131	\$32,688
Materials, Supplies, Repairs, Cleaning	\$48,934	\$51,897	\$54,492	\$57,216
Property Tax + Utilities - not in CAM	\$15,105	\$18,803	\$20,243	\$21,705
Rent target \$2.00 per sq. ft. w/3.5% CPI	\$214,473	\$230,984	\$253,477	\$276,758
CAM Projected	\$80,598	\$88,330	\$97,163	\$106,879
Year Total Expense	\$547,229	\$631,205	\$705,032	\$756,198
Rent & CAM increase over 2026		\$24,242	\$55,569	\$88,566
Total increase over 2026		\$83,976	\$157,803	\$208,969
		15.35%	28.84%	38.19%

While our recurring user count is about 275 at the moment - about 75 of these members receive discounts as volunteers, nonprofit members, or through other needs-based scholarships including those recently unemployed.

Our flexible membership model is a great service to the community. At a time when our

region is becoming more exclusive, our goal is to be more inclusive. Raising rates can make the Lift more exclusive while yielding only marginal revenue gains. For example, raising rates 20% can result in only a 10% increase in revenue if 1 out of 10 members cancels their membership.

We have tested this. We recently increased rates and we will need to continue increasing them just like all businesses. Yes, we have a few members that could easily pay more for access to the Lift, but the majority of our members are price sensitive. Many in our community are on the edge and any discretionary expense must be scrutinized carefully.

Evolving the Lift into a nonprofit is a succession strategy to replace private ownership with strong community governance and a paid executive director. It will help us redirect earned income to public benefit, while giving those who can afford to pay more to support our nonprofit partners and needs-based scholarships.

Thank you for your consideration and service to our community.

Jan Atwell Holan (he/him)
Community Builder



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Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2026 12:50:24 PM

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Dear Members of the Board,

I write as a full-time Truckee resident and annual LIFT Workspace member to support renewal of the LIFT lease, and to encourage consideration of the proposed tenant improvements.

In the interest of transparency: I am a Principal at BAE Urban Economics, my firm pays for my LIFT membership, and I am currently under contract with the Town of Truckee on a couple of unrelated economic planning efforts. That work has included brief contact with Truckee Tahoe Airport District staff on unrelated matters, but I have no professional or contractual relationship with the District or its Board. I am not writing on behalf of my firm or the Town, and no one has asked me to write. These comments are my own, offered simply as a member of the community and a frequent user of the LIFT Cowork space.

I sent the Board a letter on this subject previously, and my reasons have not changed. Truckee's office market is a difficult one: development costs are high relative to achievable rents, much of the existing inventory is aging, and small professional firms such as mine often struggle to justify the cost associated with dedicated market-rate office space. I am currently the only person in my firm working from the Truckee–North Tahoe region. Signing a multi-year lease on conventional office space would be hard to justify at that scale. LIFT gives me a consistent, genuinely professional place to work at a rate that makes sense. If the proposed dedicated offices are built, I would likely push my firm to lease one.

In my experience, LIFT is also a place where people meet, and where genuine community and professional connections are made. Working there most days has put me in regular contact with other local professionals, organizational staff, and community members I would otherwise see only occasionally. That daily overlap has been as valuable to me as the desk and the shared facilities have been.

The LIFT and most other Airport District facilities sit in unincorporated Nevada County and are not subject to the Truckee General Plan, or its associated goals and objectives. Even so, one part of that plan speaks directly to the value of facilities like the LIFT within the broader Truckee context. The Town's 2040 General Plan, adopted in 2023, includes Policy ED-1.4 and Action ED-1.D (both titled "New Office Space"). The policy calls for incentivizing "flexible office spaces, that can be easily reconfigured and/or co-working facilities that offer a variety of spaces of different sizes," and the action directs the Town to create an incentive program for small office spaces and for converting larger spaces into smaller ones. These are adopted, publicly vetted statements of what the Truckee community says it needs. LIFT is already providing it. Renewing the lease would help to sustain something the Town's own adopted policy would otherwise direct the Town to figure out how to create. My hope is that noting this alignment offers some additional evidence that LIFT provides genuine value to the community and supports its long-term goals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Aaron Nousaine
Truckee resident and LIFT Workspace member

From: [Hannah Geisen](#)
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Subject: LIFT - comments to the Airport Board
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2026 12:52:38 PM

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To the Airport Board,

I am submitting this comment to the Board regarding lease negotiations between Lift and the Airport. My family has been a member of the Truckee/Tahoe community for the better part of the last 20 years. This community means so much to me. As Community Manager at Lift, I have been privileged to become exponentially more tapped into the inner workings of Truckee and the people who keep this town running. I feel especially grateful to have met and built relationships with the nonprofits and small businesses that operate out of Lift and are building our future Truckee.

As a resident of this community, I know all too well how the economy is affecting not only myself but also our members. Our Lift Community encompasses not only remote workers but also Truckee and Tahoe community members who rely on a financially secure place to work and grow their businesses. I'm sure it is no surprise to those reading this that the exponential inflation of private and commercial real estate in the region has driven most people out of the area. I, personally, have nearly had to leave and know a multitude of friends and coworkers over the last couple of years who have had to move to Reno and either change jobs or commute an hour back into the area to work every morning.

One thing I believe Lift has so far been able to provide is a reasonably priced space that allows our local companies to not only exist but thrive. Relocating or paying significantly higher prices is not a viable option for these people. I urge the board to consider these factors in terms of negotiations as inflated rent prices not only fall on our shoulders but subsequently on the shoulders of the Truckee businesses that operate from our building. The demographic of the region, outside of the affluent areas, is not one of a high disposable income. Contributing to the region's ever-inflated rent prices will continue to drive away the small businesses, nonprofits, and entrepreneurs that define our community.

On behalf of the Lift community, we all hope to be able to remain in the space, as well as, afford to work and contribute to the success of Truckee's growth. Thank you for your time and deliberation on this matter.

All the best,

Hannah

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Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2026 12:54:59 PM

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Dear Airport board,

I am a local Truckee resident, homeowner, and engaged community member. I have worked at Lift for over a year now and I am so grateful for the working space and the lift community. I work mostly for small nonprofits in marketing and comms, including work with local/regional nonprofits like the Tahoe Food Hub and Washoe Warrior Society.

Lift has been an extremely effective place for me to work. It is more affordable than working at home because I am able to rent out a second room rather than use it as an office (which also means more long term rental housing in Truckee). The price point works for me, and it's given me a chance to connect with other community members and like-minded professionals in similar fields, including the nonprofit space. I've also gotten a lot out of the events they host, like the climate talks and lunch talks. Lift has built a genuinely great community that makes Truckee feel like home, and it's given me a space where I can actually focus and do my best work.

Please support favorable terms for Lift so that it can stay an important part of the community!

Thank you.
Sarah Arndt

From: [Bob Buchanan](#)
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Subject: In support of the Lift
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2026 1:34:47 PM

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Dear Airport Board Members,

My apologies for the tardiness of this communication. It is my understanding that public comment was sought before yesterday at noon. I just realized that the deadline has passed, but feel compelled to express my support for Jan and the Lift, despite that deadline. The Lift is a wonderful community resource. And I have known Jan for many years, as both a client and friend. He is an amazing man. Selfless, always putting others in the community first. I have had a dedicated desk at the Lift for about two years now, and have often given free business legal advice to other for profit and nonprofit tenants. It is a melting pot of small businesses and nonprofit organizations, providing an environment for learning, growth, and collaboration. The Lift is one of a kind, and satisfies a critical need in Truckee. I am also on the Board of the Roundhouse, and I can tell you how important the meeting space at the Lift has been for our organization. Please support the Lift as an invaluable community resource, and extend its lease in a manner which permits it to thrive. I can tell you through experience that Jan is uniquely qualified to facilitate just that. Thank you

Sincerely,

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Subject: Lift is a valuable tenant
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Dear Airport Board of Directors-

I am writing to encourage you to reach a reasonable and cost effective deal for both parties involved in the Lift lease negotiations. The commercial real estate market is tough. It's tough to find tenants for larger square footage like the Lift occupies and it's even harder to keep them. The Lift is a great business and will be a great non-profit partner as well. They have invested heavily in that space and tenant improvements like that are costly, arduous and time-consuming. It would be a shame to waste all that hard work and investment over easily surmountable lease negotiations.

While I can't speak to either party's finances, I do know the Airport District has enough financial cushion to absorb a slightly lower market rent rate in return for a long term, committed tenant. I encourage the Board not to overestimate that worth. It's hard to be a small business in this community and rent is one of the make or break expenses that allow a business to continue. Keep your rent reasonable and you will secure a long term, responsible tenant in return. If you negotiate too much, you risk not only a long term vacancy but also the negative optics of turning away a locally serving business that so many individuals, organizations, wellness professionals, entrepreneurs, and others have come to rely on.

Thank you for accepting comments on this topic and for your service to our region.

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Subject: Late Comment: Closed Session - Conference with Real Property Negotiators
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Dear TTAD Board Members and Staff,

I write to express my hope that the rent negotiations between the Truckee Tahoe Airport District and Lift Coworking Space will conclude amicably with a sustainable path forward for both the Lift and the Airport District.

I recognize the TTAD Board serves as a steward of public resources. I have deep respect for your commitment to that. You have all been dedicated public servants in ensuring that public dollars are allocated efficiently and with community needs in mind.

Although the Lift is a private for-profit enterprise, I believe it plays a vital community role. The Lift supports the local community goal of creating a more diverse economy that's not entirely reliant on tourism. It provides community for many of us who work alone or from home. And it provides much-needed meeting spaces for many nonprofits and community groups. Even before I became a Lift member, I frequently visited the space to meet with nonprofit boards and attend gatherings.

I ran my campaign for Truckee Town Council by focusing on the needs I hear from the community. One of the biggest needs is affordability, especially among young people. If the Airport District substantially increases the rent on the Lift, that cost increase will pass on to the many young people who meet and work at the Lift. A substantial rent increase will increase the cost-of-living, which may be unsustainable for some, causing them to move away or give up their entrepreneurial dreams.

I respectfully ask that the Truckee Tahoe Airport District Board and Staff consider the implications this decision has on cost-of-living in our community.

Sincerely,
Jason Toups
Candidate for Truckee Town Council
Truckee Planning Commissioner

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