

Dear Shepherdsville,

I'm the Bunker House guy. When I offered to remove the bulletproofing, I insisted on only one stipulation: namely, that our town would plan to keep residents calm and distribute the food our local farmers already have in a catastrophic emergency (i.e. a cyber, drone, or EMP attack on the nation's electric grid). Such a local plan is already¹ federally required², just not yet enforced. Four years later, the mayor demolished my home and *still has no plan*.

In contrast to the incumbent mayor, our **City Councilmember Jennifer Mendez does get the point**: team up our own local farms, food shops & emergency responders so well that Shepherdsville wins coveted Kentucky Proud Certified Cities status from the KY Department of Agriculture and the KY League of Cities (our creditor for the Aquatic Center).³ By the way, for this project, outside funding could be a *grant*, not a loan: the heightened threat to NATO means our town may be entitled to substantial crisis response grants,⁴ grants we would *not* have to repay if nothing happens. We can keep the grant money *even if* World War III *never* happens.

So, our town can survive and thrive, no matter what... if our leaders care enough to apply. This November 3rd, let's **elect Jennifer Mendez as Shepherdsville's next Mayor!**

Sincerely, Jonathan Cooper

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¹ FEMA, Office of Response and Recovery, Planning and Exercise Division, National Planning Branch, *Nuclear/Radiological Incident Annex to the Response and Recovery Federal Interagency Operational Plans*, October 2016 – FINAL, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 10, 14, https://remm.hhs.gov/NRIA_FINAL_110216.pdf.

² Federal Emergency Management Agency, *Planning Guidance for Response to a Nuclear Detonation*, 2nd ed. (June 12, 2023), Pages 2 and 177-118, accessed February 1, 2024, https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_nuc-detonation-planning-guide.pdf.

³ Kentucky Department of Agriculture, "New Initiative Encourages Kentucky Cities to Incorporate Agriculture into Their Communities," press release, October 5, 2026, <https://www.kyagr.com/Ky-agriculture/PressRelease/2026/New-initiative-encourages-Kentucky-cities-to-incorporate-agriculture-into-their-communities>.

⁴ North Atlantic Treaty Organization. "2026 Resilience Baseline Requirements." September 15, 2026. Accessed online October 10, 2026 at <https://www.nato.int/en/about-us/official-texts-and-resources/official-texts/2026/09/15/2026-resilience-baseline-requirements>.