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Colorado Economic Development Commission
c/o Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade
Attn: Mr. Jeff Kraft
1625 Broadway, Suite 2700
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Commission Members:

Thank you for allowing the City of Fountain opportunity to review and provide comments regarding the City of Colorado Springs' Regional Tourism Act application, the "City for Champions" project. The City of Fountain supports Colorado Springs' application and is excited about the potential that this project has for our entire region.

The City of Fountain desires to be a collaborative partner with our neighbor, Colorado Springs, as we see the potential for this project to have a major impact on the economy not only of Colorado Springs and our region but for the entire State as well. As you are aware, Colorado's economy is heavily dependent upon tourism but competition from other destinations requires increased efforts to capture new markets. The projects outlined within the City for Champions proposal appeal to a broad range of visitors, many of whom have never been to Colorado. The potential for repeat tourism will only be increased once the City for Champions projects are implemented.

We express our great appreciation for your consideration and approval of the City of Colorado Springs' application. If you need additional information from the City of Fountain, please do not hesitate to contact our City Manager, Scott Trainor, at (719) 322-2025.

Sincerely,


Jeri C. Howells
Mayor

cc: Board of County Commissioners
Colorado Springs City Council
Office of the Mayor, City of Colorado Springs