



September 12, 2013

Mr. Kenneth W. Lund, executive director
Colorado Economic Development Commission
c/o Office of Economic Development and International Trade
1625 Broadway, Suite 2700
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Mr. Lund:

The Town of Palmer Lake Town Council has been briefed on the Regional Tourism Act proposal, City for Champions, submitted by the City of Colorado Springs, and I am writing to express our community's support for this proposal. As a small Front Range community nestled at the base of the Pike National Forest, our residents and visitors look to Colorado Springs for employment, services and attractions. We understand without reservation that a robust economy in Colorado Springs will bring more prosperity to our residents and more visitors to our quaint town.

City for Champions has the potential to be a significant economic driver for our region and attract thousands of new visitors. The United States Air Force Academy Gateway at Falcon Stadium Visitors Center is of particular interest to our community because it will bring more tourists to the northern part of El Paso County. We look forward to putting out the welcome mat for these visitors and showcasing the restaurants, history and access to the great outdoors we offer in Palmer Lake.

The communities in the Pikes Peak region understand the importance of regional cooperation in bringing resources to benefit the 600,000+ people who make their homes here. We, like our neighbors in Monument and in Manitou Springs, believe City for Champions brings much needed investment to this part of the state and will catalyze further investment for the benefit of Colorado Springs, El Paso County, other nearby communities and the State of Colorado. As Mayor of the Town of Palmer Lake, I urge the Colorado Economic Development Commission to approve the City of Colorado Springs Regional Tourism Act application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nikki McDonald".

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