



CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS
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President King and CC Members
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Mayor Bach, Council President King and Members of City Council,

Since the city's inception, Colorado Springs has been a beacon of healthy lifestyles, natural beauty, climate, and a low-stress work environment. Businesses chose to locate and stay in part due to the recreational activities afforded by our wonderful park system and the open spaces, which surround our community. Our local educational institutions – The Air Force Academy, UCCS, Colorado College, and Pikes Peak Community College – promote and in the case of the Air Force Academy require participation in athletics while offering career programs that reinforce our position as a health conscious City. The United States Olympic Committee and Olympic Training Center have a presence that significantly contributes to our brand as a healthy, athletic community. Visitors come to Colorado Springs to enjoy our climate, to visit one of five Military Academies in our country, take advantage of local recreational activities, attend the many local sports and special events, and to learn and train for healthy lifestyles. The addition of the long discussed Olympic Hall of Fame will add an attraction to our currently significant list of "must see" facilities.

All four components of the City for Champions embody a vision for our community that reinforces these reasons for living in and visiting our community. We strongly support this vision and ask that City Council endorse and promote the concept of City for Champions. We trust that Council will vet the financial implications and specific details of the proposal as the four specific projects evolve.

Sincerely,

Jackie Hilaire
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