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Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

April 11th, 2017

Dear Members of Denver City Government,

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, Denver's association of Registered Neighborhood Organizations from neighborhoods throughout Denver, held a delegation meeting on April 8th, 2017. At this meeting, our delegation passed the following resolution. This resolution passed unanimously through our Parks & Recreation committee and was passed with overwhelming support (35 in favor - 3 against - 7 abstentions), after debate and research, by our delegation, which consists of up to 2 representatives from each Denver Registered Neighborhood Organization that is a member of INC.

Resolution Passed by the INC Delegation April 8th, 2017 ([See our webpage for full resolution text with whereas clauses](#))

INC RESOLUTION RE: DENVER'S ACQUISITION OF PARK HILL GOLF COURSE

Therefore, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation calls upon the public officials of the City and County of Denver (1) to commit to the preservation of Park Hill Golf Course and thereby prevent all or any part of it from being developed other than for park land, (2) to immediately commence contract negotiations with Clayton Early Learning with the intended goal of entering into a purchase and sale agreement for Park Hill Golf Course, and (3) to immediately reserve adequate capacity in the 2017 Denver general obligation bond proposal to pay the estimated purchase price for Park Hill Golf Course.

Please consider our desire for you to engage with neighborhood organizations in your district on this project as we continue to ask questions about it.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Joseph Niemann'.

John Joseph Niemann

President, INC

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

April 10th, 2017

Dear Members of Denver City Government,

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, Denver's association of Registered Neighborhood Organizations from neighborhoods throughout Denver, held a delegation meeting on April 8th, 2017. At this meeting, our delegation passed the following resolution. This resolution passed unanimously through our Parks & Recreation committee and was passed with overwhelming support (38-0-5), after debate and research, by our delegation, which consists of up to 2 representatives from each Denver Registered Neighborhood Organization that is a member of INC.

Resolution Passed by the INC Delegation April 8th, 2017

INC RESOLUTION RE: DENVER'S ACQUISITION OF PARK HILL GOLF COURSE

Whereas, Park Hill Golf Course is approximately 155 acres in size and is generally located between Colorado Boulevard on the west, Smith Road on the north, Dahlia Street on the east, and 35th Avenue on the south, and has been operated as a golf course for over 100 years; and

Whereas, contrary to popular belief, Park Hill Golf Course is NOT owned by Denver, but instead is owned by Clayton Early Learning, which is a nonprofit foundation whose mission is to promote early childhood education; and

Whereas, Park Hill Golf Course is presently leased to a private golf course operator, and that lease expires in December 2018; and

Whereas, the operation of Park Hill Golf Course is reportedly no longer profitable such that its lease as a private golf course is unlikely to be renewed, and therefore on March 15th, 2017, Clayton Early Learning started a public dialogue regarding the future of Park Hill Golf Course, with one of the goals of that dialogue being the maintenance of revenues for Clayton Early Learning necessary to support its mission of promoting early childhood education, while at the same time providing for the future of the land currently occupied by Park Hill Golf Course; and

Whereas, there is apparently no mechanism currently in place that would prevent Park Hill Golf Course from being sold in whole or in part by Clayton Early Learning for commercial or residential development; and

Whereas, Denver is presently considering items to be included in a general obligation bond election intended to be held in November 2017; and

Whereas, Denver needs additional park land to support its rapidly growing population; and

Whereas, given its size (155 acres), Park Hill Golf Course is the last and best opportunity that exists for Denver to acquire a large and contiguous parcel of land within its boundaries for the future enjoyment and use of its citizens as public park land; and

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Whereas, if necessary to accommodate the acquisition of Park Hill Golf Course, it may be necessary to increase the amount of money to be included in the general obligation bond, which might require an increase in Denver's taxes.

Now Therefore, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation calls upon the public officials of the City and County of Denver (1) to commit to the preservation of Park Hill Golf Course and thereby prevent all or any part of it from being developed other than for park land, (2) to immediately commence contract negotiations with Clayton Early Learning with the intended goal of entering into a purchase and sale agreement for Park Hill Golf Course, and (3) to immediately reserve adequate capacity in the 2017 Denver general obligation bond proposal to pay the estimated purchase price for Park Hill Golf Course.

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