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Dear Council Members,

Inter Neighborhood Cooperation Parks and Recreation Committee (INC PARC) wants to thank you for being the voice of the citizens of Denver. Your service is important to the quality and health of our City. Zoning and zoning use is one of the tools City Council uses to maintain a healthy and quality City. Responsibility for land use is assigned to City Council in our City Charter.

INC PARC is asking you to amend a zoning code approved in 2010, when the responsibility of a new zoning code category, Open Space-A, OS-A, was relinquished by Council. The unilateral blanket responsibility for all use decisions of OS-A was transferred to the Executive Director of Parks and Recreation, an appointed position. INC has been advocating since 2010 that the responsibility for OS-A be the responsibility of City Council which is consistent in all other zoning categories.

Some of you were not in your current position when on November 11 2017 the INC delegates voted to approve and send a resolution to City Council requesting an amendment to the zoning code by ordinance be made so that OS-A land use would be transferred to the authority of City Council.

On behalf of the INC Delegates we are again requesting City Council to review the current status of OS-A and amend the zoning code so that OS-A land use will be under the responsibility of City Council and be consistent with our City Charter. A copy of the INC 2017 resolution is attached to this letter.

Also included in this mailing is a letter to Council from 2009 prior to the change of zoning. This letter is authored by former District 10 Councilwoman and President of Council, Cathy Donahue. In this letter she gives reasons why she is opposed to the move of zoning use from Council to the Executive Director of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

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