

OFFICE OF
CITY MANAGER
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February 20, 2018

VIA HAND DELIVERY

City of Norman
Attn: Steve Lewis
201 W. Gray Street
Norman, OK 73070

RE: Senior & Cultural Facility

Dear Steve:

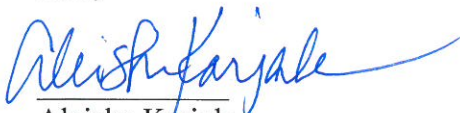
The undersigned respectfully request the City staff prepare the necessary documentation to immediately present for consideration by City Council a determination that a 21st Century Stand Alone Senior Center be considered a Cultural Facility as provided for in the University North Park Increment Financing District ("TIF2"). The undersigned believe that such a senior facility can provide a multigenerational cultural experience for our community by providing a facility that hosts arts, dance, theatre, creative writing, architecture, crafts, music, folk arts, and other related cultural opportunities and experiences, to include exhibitions of any of the arts and cultural disciplines in the senior center or by providing space for exhibitions of arts and cultural items in partnership with other facilities in our community (e.g., Firehouse Art Center). Further, we request that staff ensure that the approximately \$8,750,000 identified in Ordinance 0809-8 amending Ordinance 0506-66 be secured as a source of funding for a Senior & Cultural Facility. To ensure compliance with TIF2, we further request that staff ensure that the site for the Senior Cultural Facility be identified as the location previously secured by agreement with the University of Oklahoma in the north base airpark near the existing YMCA.

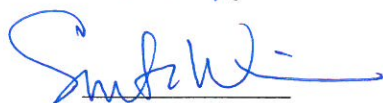
To ensure the efficient use of staff resources, we request that a resolution addressing this proposed objective be prepared and placed on the City Council February 27, 2018 agenda for consideration by the full council.

In sum, it is our request that City staff: (1) Prepare a resolution for presentation to City Council on February 27, 2018 addressing the documentation and direction provided herein. If said Resolution garners a majority vote, staff would (1) Prepare the necessary documentation to authorize a Senior & Cultural Facility in accordance with the TIF2 agreements; (2) secure the funding for this Senior & Cultural Facility as identified for cultural facilities or other project costs pursuant to the TIF2 agreements and process requirements; and (3) confirm that the site near the YMCA qualifies under the TIF2 agreements for TIF2 funding for a Senior & Cultural Facility.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the undersigned.


Best,


Aleisha Karjala


Sereta Wilson

Best,


Bill Hickman


Kate Bierman