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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My name is Jeff Rogers and I run the adult coed soccer league with the McKinney Soccer Association.

I have also hosted many tournaments (football, volleyball, basketball, golf, softball) for various organizations and associations. I have lived in McKinney for about 5 years now and love the town my kids call home. McKinney is in dire need of the type of facility that Gordon Hill is planning on building. This facility will not only help the coed soccer league grow due to the type of turf that will be used, but we will also be able to have a legitimate facility to grow other sports such as flag football, volleyball, roller hockey, and will be able to introduce new sports to the area as well.

Right now we have about 15 teams in the coed soccer league. With the Centre of Excellence we can grow that number due to the location and type of playing surface it will provide the players as well as virtually zero rainouts during the season. In conjunction with the coed league we will be able to start a female and men's league as well. That will enable us to keep the players in McKinney instead of the players having to drive to Allen, The Colony, Richardson, Garland and further to play soccer on a quality field.

Also, I am in talks with some tournament organizers in basketball (3v3), football (5v5/7v7) and volleyball (3v3 grass) on bringing them to McKinney. Specifically to The Centre of Excellence for this Summer and Fall.

As soon as Gordon Hill gets the needed approval we can start scheduling these events immediately and start bringing teams from all over the region to McKinney, Texas to participate in various sporting activities. We will be working closely with local businesses to ensure that the teams stay, eat and shop in McKinney instead of going elsewhere.

McKinney will be doing a great disservice to not only the citizens of McKinney that want a top notch facility to play sports, but will be turning away thousands of dollars in revenue and taxes from teams that will be coming here to participate in the leagues and tournaments.

Sincerely,

JEFF ROGERS