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Dear Council Member,

My name is Ray Ehrenstein and I live with James T. Sample at 2122 South Fox Street in Overland Park neighborhood, just across Evans Avenue from the Overland Park Golf course. I have lived here for 44 years. James is 4th generation in Overland.

It appears that the proposed Superfly music festival at Overland Park Golf Course is drawing detractors and adherents from not only our close-in neighborhood, but also from across Denver. Some folks came here from other parts of Denver (before Levitt was built) to tell us that "admission-based events" in our parks are just plain bad. They prefer bucolic and leisurely walk in parks, as being a sufficient amount of activation for any park. Even "stroller moms" are frowned upon as being too pushy.

We are in our mid-seventies and our hearing is excellent. Good music is good music. We had a blast at the Grand Opening of Levitt Pavilion Denver. We would rather see our new millennial neighbors having fun and listening to their generation's music, while we enjoy visits from "Wings" or Lionel Richie to maintaining the staid norms of the past. Superfly promises us generational variety.

Some of our neighbors apparently like to watch coyotes chase house cats across the old golf course and then extol the wildness of this parkland and their preference for a continuing rural ambiance. They view with suspicion a new and more modern activation. Jim and I do not mind new neighbors and new ideas and would like to see this well considered and carefully planned event come to our neighborhood.

Jim is of a family which has lived in different homes, but all within this old neighborhood, since the 1890's. Down a block & 1/2 from us by the South Platte river is Grant Frontier Park. Downriver from us less than a mile is Ruby Hill Park (where we enjoyed the Grand Opening of Levitt Pavilion Denver just last Thursday). And across the river from Ruby Hill is Denver's oldest golf course and home to where the first airplane landed in Denver. It was also at one time a racetrack for horses and later cars. This parkland has seen a succession of "activations". Historically, these have been entertaining, welcomed by most locals and generally successful. These admission-based events drew businesses, commerce and money to South Denver.

Now, we have an opportunity to promote Overland Park, Ruby

Hill/Godsman, Athmar Park and other surrounding Southwest neighborhoods, once again, as entertainment destinations. We can inject needed capital and infrastructure improvements into our parks and our neighborhoods without asking for government assistance. This is a far better way to lift old communities from recent years of stagnation and neglect than any I can imagine. While some fear and imagine dangers from incoming density bringing us increased crime, we see the opposite being more likely. More eyes on the street, neighbors looking out for one another's children and the elderly. Also very appealing for Jim and me, shops close by. I would drive the car less.

Please consider the Denver of tomorrow. Plan for tomorrow's transportation, entertainment and lifestyles rather than favoring yesterdays' visions. We firmly support the new music festival at Overland Park! Thank you for allowing our input.

Yours Sincerely,
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