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AMY L. PARSONS, EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR

July 3, 2015

Denver City Council
City and County Building
Denver, CO 80202

Dear City Council Members:

On behalf of Colorado State University, we are pleased to support the creation of the National Western Center zone as an amendment to the City and County of Denver's zoning code.

We believe that the uses and guidelines in the zoning code amendment accommodate the activities that Colorado State University has outlined as the University's goals in the National Western Center Master Plan and will support the creation of a vibrant, year-round center focused on education, entertainment, competition, and commerce. The amendment also considers how best to integrate the National Western Center into the surrounding neighborhoods to provide maximum benefit of the redevelopment to these areas, and make the NWC accessible and appealing.

As we currently understand both the amendment and the goals of the Master Plan, we also support the code in that it allows the creation of a state-of-the-art center with social, economic, and environmental regeneration at its core, including aggressive goals such as net zero energy.

We support the adoption of this amendment as the next step in making the National Western Center vision a reality and thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Amy Parsons
Executive Vice Chancellor
Colorado State University System

July 6, 2015

Dear Members of City Council,

Over the course of their storied 109 year history, the National Western Stock Show has been an important driver of economic and business growth in Colorado around the agricultural industry, and with the new and highly anticipated National Western Center, that growth will continue for years to come. The boldness of the plan builds on the state's already strong agricultural roots and positions Colorado as a global player in agricultural business, science and tourism. We are thrilled to stand in support of the rezoning application for the National Western Center.

Fueled by the master planning process in conjunction with the National Western's MOU Partners and the community-focused Advisory Committee, a variety of diverse stakeholders have contributed to the new program and site design elements of the National Western Center Campus. These community interests include agriculture and science educational opportunities, open space, access to the South Platte River and a new arena to replace the aging Coliseum. Along with connectivity options for the local residents and the potential reuse of historically significant facilities, the NWC will meet the needs of local residents, and will focus on building a sustainable site to help the National Western thrive for another 100 years, driving significant new out-of-state visits to Colorado. The Denver Museum of Nature & Science (as an MOU Partner) hopes to use the site to encourage visitors' active use of the site, but also to drive them to visit our Museum.

As a scientific/educational leader in Denver, we have long-valued the tradition and heritage of the NWSS to the image of our great City. With the explosive growth in North Denver, including commuter rail lines, a new state-of-the-art I-70 East, and the expansion of the Brighton Boulevard commercial corridor, we anticipate an even greater emphasis on the National Western Center site as a gateway to the City, and as a true destination for locals and visitors alike.

Sincerely,


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July 6, 2015

Denver City Council
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Dear Honorable Members of the Denver City Council:

On behalf of History Colorado, I am writing in support of the proposed rezoning to the National Western complex, which is being considered by the council this evening. As a partner to the National Western complex, History Colorado can attest to the importance of this rezoning, as it will be a step toward implementing the National Western Center Master Plan adopted by the council earlier this year.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have questions or concerns. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Nichols", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Edward C. Nichols
President & CEO