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To the Mayor and Commissioners for the City of Lawrence;

The Kansas Golf Association is a non-profit organization that has had its executive offices in Lawrence since 1985. This organization has 150 member golf clubs and Eagle Bend GC is one of them. The KGA has a small administrative staff that annually conducts over 100 days of competitive golf events throughout the State of Kansas. The KGA also administers a computer-based golf handicap service for over 11,000 Kansas golfers.

For the last several months the KGA has been engaged in conversations with Lawrence city staff about the possibility and feasibility of moving the KGA's executive offices to Eagle Bend GC. Our board of directors and staff strongly favor the concept for several reasons:

1. It would give the KGA more visibility to Kansas golfers
2. The KGA conducts several days of competition each year at Eagle Bend (which is a revenue source for Eagle Bend GC)
3. The KGA would have a place to conduct board meetings, seminars and volunteer training
4. There would be a potential place to better display items of Kansas golf history and items from the Kansas Golf Hall of Fame
5. The proposal offered by the City for rent terms and length is reasonable and acceptable
6. KGA staff would be readily available to assist Eagle Bend staff with golfer education programs (Rules of Golf)

With the recent change in ownership and direction of the former Alvamar complex (now Jayhawk Golf Club) to a private facility, Eagle Bend has become the only public access 18-hole golf facility in Douglas County. This will greatly increase the number of rounds played annually at Eagle Bend GC. Also, over the last few years the quality of turf conditions at Eagle Bend has improved significantly. Area golfers, including those from outside Douglas County, are aware of this improvement and they are now coming to Eagle Bend for an affordable and quality golf experience. In short, the level of activity at Eagle Bend GC will be increasing in 2017 and for years to come. What Eagle Bend GC and City staff are recommending for enhancements to the Eagle Bend GC facilities is necessary to accommodate this anticipated increase in golfer use. Eagle Bend GC is now positioned to become one of the very best public access golf facilities in Kansas.

The Kansas Golf Association would be pleased to have its executive offices at Eagle Bend GC to create a mutually beneficial relationship for many decades to come.

Respectfully,

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