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Dear Alex:

As the Aurora City Council examines a possible reorganization of the Planning Commission, I remain supportive from our telephone conversation.

The Park District's role in the Planning Commission review of a wide variety of cases ranging from the application of the park land/cash ordinance, to annexations, trail connectivity, safe routes to parks and schools and potential impacts to Fox Valley Park Districts parks, facilities and programs is clear.

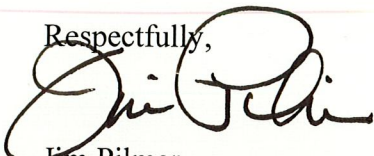
However, unlike any other local jurisdiction that serves Aurorans, the Fox Valley Park District offers unique value and community-wide insight into the Planning Commission discourse and recommendation process. Our representation geographically and demographically blankets the City. Approximately 98% of the City area and population is within the boundaries of the Fox Valley Park District. Through our parks, facilities and programs, we directly serve residents of all ages- from "cradle to grave". Importantly, ability to pay is not an obstacle for engagement with the Fox Valley Park District. Every neighborhood in Aurora contains at least one Fox Valley Park or facility and virtually every Aurora resident lives within ½ mile of a neighborhood park.

This wide-spread multi-level interface with the community manifests critical input into Planning Commission deliberation and ultimate recommendations that advance to City Council.

Fox Valley Park District values its collaborative approach with the City of Aurora, Village of Montgomery, and the Village of North Aurora. Therefore, I am in support of the new progress for our shared communities.

With our common goals in mind.

Respectfully,



Jim Pilmer

