

May 9, 2025

Honorable Members of the Subcommittee on Capital Construction, Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Re: Cornelius Recreation and Community Center Project Funding Request

Dear Committee Members,

We are writing to express our strong support for the Cornelius Community and Recreation Center project. As community members who are part of the 50% Hispanic population in Cornelius, we are particularly excited about how this project will positively impact our growing and diverse community, especially families in Cornelius who come from lower socio-economic backgrounds.

Although some of us may be leaving for college soon, we believe this project will significantly shape the experiences of younger generations in Cornelius. The new community center will provide vital resources, including educational programs, recreational opportunities, and a public gathering space that will help bridge the gap for those who may not always have access to these opportunities.

This center will create a welcoming space where people of all backgrounds and ages can connect, and its sustainable design will ensure it remains a resilient and valuable resource for years to come. We wholeheartedly support this project and are confident that it will make a lasting impact on our community.

Thank you for considering this important initiative. We hope that we can count on your support—without it, this project is not attainable for our community.

Sincerely,

Cornelius Youth Advisory Council

