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Subject: Applegate Park Outdoor Hockey Rink Proposal

To whom it may concern,

I would like to submit my full support for the proposal of an outdoor hockey rink in Applegate Park. Many recreational venues in Merced are tremendously outdated, to say the least. I feel this new development will contribute to the ongoing growth of our city.

I have been pleased to see the progress within the last decade, but we need to capitalize on this growth if we expect to maintain it. We can do this by adding public venues that promote family values, respect our history as a city, and most importantly, are inclusive of all cultural & financial backgrounds- what better way to do this than to add a recreational setting that has yet to be seen by this area?! Aside from *Rollerland*, of course, an outdoor hockey rink brings a level of excitement and novelty our area has never experienced. Furthermore, by adding this outdoor rink, we can serve the public twofold: allow those less fortunate to experience something in their own neighborhood they wouldn't otherwise have an opportunity to see, and keep business here in our city as opposed to forcing our citizens to look elsewhere when searching for wholesome fun.

As a Merced native, I can say that we have long awaited the development of our city, and we are happy to see it improving. However, the quality of our city is dependent upon what we can provide to the people. If we expect a higher quality of life, we must progress in a manner that is consistent with this initiative. I hope that you all will look at this proposition favorably.

Warm regards,



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