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Quality Services for a Quality Community

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Dear Mayor Meadows and Members of the East Lansing City Council:

City of East Lansing
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
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410 Abbot Road
East Lansing, MI 48823

As the East Lansing City Council receives and reviews the Hannah Community Center Committee Report, I am writing at the direction of a unanimous East Lansing Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to strongly recommend that the East Lansing City Council:

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Support the Hannah Community Center Committee recommendation to place a bond measure before the voters of East Lansing to fund needed maintenance and reinvestment to the East Lansing Hannah Community Center in 2020 and consider including needed maintenance and reinvestment for the overall parks and recreation system in the bond measure. Environmental sustainability, energy efficiency improvements, and alternative energy opportunities should be an integral component of the reinvestment measure.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission further supports the Hannah Community Center Committee recommendation to establish a dedicated fund source to invest annually in Community Center capital replacement and deferred maintenance for facility infrastructure, equipment and services. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission recommends that a dedicated fund source to invest annual in capital replacement and deferred maintenance includes the overall parks and recreation system.

The recommendation of the Hannah Community Center Committee is consistent with recommendations made by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission in each of the last three fiscal years and the recommendations of the City's 2016 Financial Health Review Team.

Sincerely,

Gary Beaudoin, Chair and
The Members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission