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Dear Kristin:

We are writing to request your assistance in a matter affecting the new YMCA project in downtown Salem. The Y has served children, families and individuals of all races, religions, abilities and ages, regardless of income, for 128 years in our community. The new Y facility, when it is completed, will continue to serve all in our community, with a capacity to impact 1,617 individuals each day bringing those members into the heart of downtown Salem.

When developing our plans for the future Y, we considered options to move to a higher density living area, but chose to continue serving our community from the corner of Court and Cottage, as we have since 1926. At this location, we will serve the State of Oregon workforce, the downtown business community and residents, all while being committed to the vitality of downtown Salem.

In light of the challenges of 2020, we have stepped up for our community when they needed us most. Facing a global pandemic, the lack of a physical building for operations, and responding to the wildfires that deeply impacted our local communities, we provided emergency childcare to essential workers, first responders and those who lost their homes. As SKEF ceased their operations, we assumed their programs and evolved our programs to provide safe spaces for youth to connect and receive support for online instruction during a year when many of these outlets for interaction and support disappeared.

Additionally, due to recent increases in labor and materials costs, our bids for the building project have added an additional 3 million dollars (13% of costs) to the original estimate of 22.3 million dollars. In an effort to contain costs associated with the construction of the new Y we are reaching out to our sub-contractors and all ancillary partners that have an economic impact on the project.

We are asking for relief in fees associated with closing the 19 parking spaces along Court and Cottage Streets for the duration of the construction, which we anticipate will be completed by March of 2022. We greatly appreciate your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Tim Sinatra CEO YMCA

Project Manager YMCA