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VIA U.S. MAIL AND EMAIL

City of San Luis Obispo (“City”)
Attn: Mayor and City Council
990 Palm Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
emailcouncil@slocity.org

RE: Letter of Request for Assignment of Lease: 1020 Southwood Dr. San Luis Obispo (“Property”)

Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Eric Linkugel and I am writing to you as Chair of the Board of Directors and Chief Volunteer Officer for the San Luis Obispo County YMCA (“SLOY”). This is a formal Letter of Request for Assignment under Article XIV that certain ground lease dated December 31, 1977 as amended May 21, 1996, December 1, 2000 and November 21, 2021 between the City and the SLOY (“Lease”). This request is due to a recent merger between the SLOY and the Channel Islands YMCA (“CIY”). Attached as Exhibit A to this Letter is the proposed Assignment and Assumption of Ground Lease, which includes a copy of the Lease.


By way of background, for the past several years both the SLOY and the CIY have engaged in a shared service agreement that has been mutually beneficial. Recently, the board of directors for the SLOY and the board of directors for the CIY agreed to officially merge the two non-profit organizations together in an effort to improve resources and access for SLOY and the community at-large. As a part of this merger, the SLOY would be assigning the current Lease to CIY.

The CIY is dedicated to continuing the name and legacy of the SLOY and, attached to the Letter as Exhibit B we have provided evidence in support of CIY’s qualifications and in favor of the City approving the assignment. In short, the CIY is very qualified to take on the Lease and will continue to provide the same services currently provided by the SLOY. The CIY is a non-profit organization in good standing, both financially and operationally with a long-standing commitment to serving communities and promoting healthy living, youth development, and social responsibility in Santa Barbara and North Ventura Counties. The CIY has a proven track record of managing & maintaining facilities similar to the Property, offering a wide range of programs, and engaging with the local community. Both the SLOY and CIY believe that this merger will benefit the residents of San Luis Obispo City and County and will substantially contribute to the continued its growth and well-being.

As a part of this Letter of Request for Assignment of Lease, the SLOY waives the right to have the matter heard at the next City Council meeting. Thank you for consideration in this matter. We look forward to answering any questions you may have or providing any additional information you may need.

Very Best Regards,

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