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Dear Friends of the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter-Day Saints:

As the representative of District 4, I write to offer my full support of The McGillis School in their pursuit of the purchase of the Douglas Ward. I am fully aware of the alignment of the school's vision and purpose with the history of the Ward, and the wishes of the neighborhood.

This opportunity arrives at an ideal time for McGillis. The school launched a new division - The Learning Center - which serves students with dyslexia and other language-based learning differences. The Learning Center is unlike any other program in the Mountain West and has doubled in size in its second year. To accommodate future growth and serve more learners and families who need these unique educational services, the school requires additional space. The Douglas Ward offers 20% additional space to the school's existing facilities with space for public gatherings, performances, and indoor play space. Exactly what any school could need.

Over the past months, District Four community voiced their support during various council meetings for The McGillis School to acquire the Douglas Ward. The school's contributions to our local community align with our vision and needs for our neighborhood. I have attended these meetings and directly heard from my constituents of their full support and desire for McGillis to grow in the neighborhood. The School and the Douglas Neighborhood have taken good care of one another for decades, both bringing value to the neighborhood. The school has a record of preserving places that matter to its nearby residents and welcoming neighbors to their campus.

It has been brought to my attention that zoning changes may be necessary to accommodate the needs of McGillis should they acquire the Douglas Ward. The school has my full support should rezoning be necessary. I am confident that support would extend to my peers on the Council to help McGillis achieve the zoning necessary to perform their educational vision at the Douglas Ward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ana Valdemoros".

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