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Dear members of City Council and City Manager Rivera-Vandermyde,

This letter is a follow up to Planning Board's letter to Council on April 5, 2023. Our purpose is to update Council and convey appreciation to staff for recent clarifications / changes to the Airport Community Conversation.

As you may recall, our letter emphasized that the Airport Community Conversation should include presentation of housing and hybrid scenarios for community consideration. We also recommended that examination of housing potential at the airport site precede the next update of the Airport Master Plan. Staff had previously stated that any consideration of alternate land uses (such as housing) at the airport site was "out of scope" for the scenarios to be vetted with

the public this year during the Community Conversation. We asked Council to consider providing majority guidance to staff about this topic.

We are pleased to note that in the intervening weeks, staff has made public statements indicating that housing and hybrid airport/housing scenarios MAY be developed for this Airport Community Conversation. We note that this is no guarantee that housing and hybrid scenarios WILL be developed, but the evolution of messaging is encouraging. Of particular note, at the second Airport Community Working Group meeting, the project team displayed an example graphic showing a potential “future scenario” that included both airport and residential uses at the site. Although the actual scenarios to share with the public have not yet been developed, this indicates to us that a housing/airport hybrid scenario is within the realm of consideration. Staff has our appreciation for listening to feedback from Planning Board and other community members and adapting the project accordingly.

Additionally, Boulder’s Interim Director of Transportation and Mobility stated at the April 10, 2023 Transportation Advisory Board meeting that if Council asks staff to proceed with a detailed housing study for the airport site at the conclusion of the Community Conversation, staff would not proceed with the Airport Master Plan update at the same time. This is also reasonably aligned with our recommendations.

The City faces a weighty decision later this year: whether to advance into a 2024 Airport Master Plan update that will serve as a capital improvement plan for that facility over the next decade(s), or to initiate a more detailed study of housing potential at the airport site. We are grateful for staff and the consultant team’s work to help ensure the Airport Community Conversation will consider diverse community values and vision and provide well-informed input for Council’s upcoming deliberations.

This letter was discussed by the Planning Board (all seven members present) on May 2, 2023, and is sent with unanimous approval.