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Mayor Jenny Wilson and Salt Lake County Council Chair Laurie Stringham,

We are writing to express our excitement and support of the county parks and recreation proposal to rehabilitate the fields at the Salt Lake County Ice Center.

Established in 1978, the Utah Youth Soccer is one of the largest youth sports organizations in the state and currently has over 58,000 players participating, with over 16,000 players living in Salt Lake County. Ample field space is one of the largest problems for our organization and I'm sure for many other youth sports organizations. The reliability, low maintenance, and water savings that turf provides are ideal for youth sports and for this state. We fully support the proposal and know these fields will help our players, families, and soccer clubs.

To help attack the problem of available field space, the Utah Youth Soccer Association has created a fund-raising and field-building program, which we call the Legacy Fields Project. We are excited about the county's plans for field and park construction over the next 10 years and hope that we can be a strategic partner in those plans, both financially and through our member's support.

We hope that this letter of support will show the need for this project, and other projects like it in the future.

Thank you,

Bryan Attridge, CEO

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