



University of Colorado  
Boulder

September 19, 2018

Dear Mayor Jones and City Council Members:

Knowing that you will be considering updates from city staff on the 500-year Variant I proposed flood mitigation project tomorrow, we wanted to give you a quick update on how the university is proceeding.

First and foremost, we want to convey that community safety is a top priority for us and that the university views its partnership with the city as being anchored in many aligned goals and initiatives to benefit our community as well as a demonstrated history of working cooperatively in good faith to address complex challenges in myriad areas. Neither the university nor the city would be what they are today without the synergy and partnership of the other. Our partnership is most successful when we are in close collaboration with clear and transparent goals.

Part of our mutual success depends upon recognizing our different roles and yet working to align to common goals. In that spirit, we clearly recognize and acknowledge that it is the role of the city council in working with the city staff to determine the flood mitigation project that most aligns with city priorities. Our aim is to exemplify CU Boulder's commitment to our partnership by clearly communicating what we are contributing to the community related to CU Boulder's south Boulder property and what our requirements are for annexation, both of which are being carefully weighed to ensure that our approach is fair and equitable and that the university is able to meet its fiduciary obligations to the state of Colorado. Additionally, but no less important to CU Boulder, we are committed to working cooperatively with the city in fulfilling its obligations to ensure community safety. To accomplish our aim, we are diligently working to provide communication to you in writing in the near term.

We will not be in attendance tomorrow night in order to avoid distraction from the work on which you must engage with staff to make progress on your selection of a flood mitigation project. We will, of course, be paying close attention!

Please feel free to call me with any questions or let me know if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frances Draper".

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