

University Hill Neighborhood Association | Boulder, Colorado

April 10, 2019

RE: Harbeck-Bergheim House

Dear Parks & Recreation Department,

As representatives for the University Hill Neighborhood Association, we have had the opportunity to participate in the City of Boulder Parks & Recreation Department's process for determining the future use of the historic Harbeck-Bergheim House located on University Hill. We thank the staff for including the neighborhood and for the thorough and inclusive process that has led to the proposed recommendation approved by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and being presented to Boulder City Council.

We are writing in support of staff's recommendation to proceed with a lease option through a competitive RFP process to find the most advantageous partnership that meets the community values identified through the process: community benefit, community use, neighborhood compatibility, preservation of house interiors, and public access. The proposed recommendation also would meet the Parks & Recreation Department's financial obligations and mission.

The Harbeck-Bergheim House is a wonderful historic asset for the City of Boulder which has been enjoyed by City residents, as well as visitors, since the City purchased the house. As neighbors of this cultural gem, we want to ensure that the best steward for the house is found – one that honors our great, diverse, historic neighborhood. We believe that selling the house for funds for other projects is short-sighted and not in the best interest of the house or community.

Thank you,

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