## January 4, 2022

Attn: Mayor & Board of Aldermen Grain Valley City Hall 711 Main Street Grain Valley, MO 64029

RE: Recommendation to the City of Grain Valley for the design features of a new police station for our city

Dear Mayor Chuck Johnston and members of the Board of Aldermen,

We, the seven members of the Grain Valley Police Station Study Group, are citizens who reside, and, or work in every part of the community of Grain Valley. We come from a variety of backgrounds and bring to this group a range of perspectives. We have spent countless hours over the course of nearly three months studying the law enforcement facility needs of Grain Valley, including taking tours of other metropolitan area police stations.

We have held six study group sessions and hosted a public open house meeting. During this process, we have heard from our neighbors, shared information we have gained with other residents and reviewed the public comments provided during the open house meeting held December 14, 2021.

None of the study group members have a personal financial interest in the potential locations or design and construction of a new police station for Grain Valley. The study group agreed upon the following goals to base their recommendations upon:

- Study group recommendations will be financially sound and striving for the greatest return on investment to benefit the community
- The facility must fit our community
- The facility must serve our police department well
- · We must consider future projections and take a long-term approach beyond 20 years
- Facility must remain accessible and welcoming to the community

The following are the unanimous recommendations of the study group:

- The City of Grain Valley needs to build a new police station now.
  - The current station is beyond capacity and does not meet current building requirements.
  - A new station is needed now to help grow the police force and help retain and recruit officers
- 2. The new facility needs to be at least 22,000 square feet to meet our future needs for decades to come.
- 3. The study group believes the city should support the overall floorplan and space utilization features of the architect's preliminary concept which was created based on police department and community input.
- 4. The facility must be able to expand in place to offer a long-term solution for the projected growth of the community.

- 5. Preferred interior design features include:
  - A training room that doubles as a community meeting room
  - Improved locker room with a combined changing area and shower stalls
  - Have an entrance that is secure for officers
  - Have a common area for staff that promotes interaction
  - Design a facility that promotes overall openness and transparency
  - · Acoustic treatment for privacy in appropriate areas
  - Create an indoor physical fitness workout space for staff
  - · Facility should meet national police accreditation standards
  - Provide secured, fully enclosed drive through sallyport
- 6. Preferred exterior features include:
  - Building exterior finish should be masonry or architectural precast concrete for long term durability
  - The building appearance should be inviting and calming
  - Have secured parking lot for officers and police vehicles
  - If budget allows, have approximately 10 covered parking stalls for police vehicles to reduce vehicle maintenance costs and enhance safety for officers using vehicles
- 7. Preferred construction considerations:
  - Use durable materials and durable finishes for all heavy use areas of the interior and exterior building to prolong the life of the facility and reduce annual maintenance costs
  - Use the VAV RTU HVAC System option
- 8. The study group recommends that the city plan for a \$14 million project budget to design, construct, furnish and equip the facility that will serve the community for decades and meet future community growth needs.
- 9. Site features should include:
  - Choose a location that is central in Grain Valley
  - To minimize costs for the community use city owned property for the new facility

Sincerely,

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