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Hello, Ms. Gardner,

Thank you for reaching out to Mayor Evans and the City Council members.

I've included our planning department in this email so your comments can be added to the official record. We value your engagement in this process.

If you would like to track the status of the application, it can be found at the following link:
[SUBFY2025-0002 Stateside Subdivision - Pending](#)

Wishing you a wonderful day ahead.

Regards,
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Good morning.

I'm writing to make sure that I show my support for the amazing improvements and continued work that is being done at what is now called The River Club. I have played in

many golf tournaments there and have been invited as a guest, to what was Plantation, throughout the years but I couldn't have imagined in my wildest dreams the potential that the land had. I have now been a member since the fall of 2019 after moving just off of Lakeside Drive. When we bought our home we were told we had just made the best investment because of what was going to take place at the Plantation golf course. I couldn't understand it then but I sure understand it now.

When we became members, the place appeared to be falling apart. The clubhouse was in desperate need of repairs and a remodel, the kitchen did not have the capacity to produce fresh dishes, made of fresh produce and meats, and really only had the capacity to bring in frozen foods. To say the golf course was bad is an understatement. Even the trees lining State Street were decaying from not being properly trimmed and treated over the years. It looked like a public golf course that was slowly slotted for abandonment. It just felt like whoever owned it no longer cared. Little did we know that it had just been purchased by a new owner.

Not only has The River Club become a place where my family can enjoy golf but we now spend time there nearly every single day because there is so much more that it offers. I am now an avid Pickleball player, began playing golf again, and spend countless hours at the adult swimming pool meeting up with friends when all of our activities are done.

The new owner, Will, brings in local, live music for us to enjoy, hosts block parties for all of the surrounding neighbors to attend and makes sure to get to know each of us personally.

The River Club is full of such diversity. We have multiple generations that are members and use the club to stay connected with each other. You will find all age groups, and people from all backgrounds and industries coming together. Without the River Club, there's no way I would've met such wonderful community members. I have friends from across the valley who have sought out and purchased homes close to the club because they too have become daily visitors. Others are just waiting for the right property to become available so they too can be a golf cart away from the clubhouse.

We were members of Crane Creek for 10 years, but it just didn't feel the same. We held onto dual membership for four years before deciding that we only wanted to belong to the River Club. At the River Club, the owner, Will, gets to know each family personally and by name. He wants to hear your ideas and wants to get to know you personally. A unique occurrence at the River Club is that even if you are a member, your children can get a job at the club. If you have a company you own, Will is interested in learning more

about it to see if your company can provide services to the Club as he wants to do business with friends rather than contract out to an unknown person. When Will learned of the details of the fundraiser golf tournament I was hosting, he immediately informed me that he wanted to make a personal donation. And he did donate!!!

I appreciate that we have been kept up to date on every detail of the changes that are to come. I wholeheartedly believe that Garden City is a better place because of the plans that Will has and that Brighton can deliver. We are fortunate to have this opportunity and I do not want to see this beautiful property chopped up and sold off into individual homes where there has been such beautiful green space for the community, deer and other wildlife since 1917!

Please make it possible for our families to continue to come together at The River Club.

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