



April 14, 2025

Planning & Zoning Commission  
City of Dripping Springs  
511 Mercer Street  
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

**RE: Support for Dripping Springs Sports Club Variance Request**

Dear Planning & Zoning Commission Members,

My name is Karl Seelbach, and I've proudly called Dripping Springs home since 2008. My wife, Adrienne, and I are raising our two daughters here, and like many families in this community, we've experienced both the joys of small-town life and the growing pains that come with rapid development.

As a former Vice Chair and member of the Dripping Springs Historic Preservation Commission (2012–2016) and local business owner, I've seen firsthand how our city can thoughtfully grow while staying true to its character. The Dripping Springs Sports Club (DSSC) represents exactly that kind of smart, community-driven development—and I urge you to approve their variance request to build a 160,000 sq ft facility.

**1. It solves a real need for Dripping Springs families.**

Our community lacks sufficient indoor recreation and youth sports infrastructure. Like many parents, I've spent countless hours driving my kids to practices and games in Austin and beyond, which cuts into family time and stretches school-night routines. DSSC brings those opportunities home—reducing commutes, stress, and safety concerns while giving kids and families the resources they need right here in town.

**2. It's a locally-led project that reflects our community's values.**

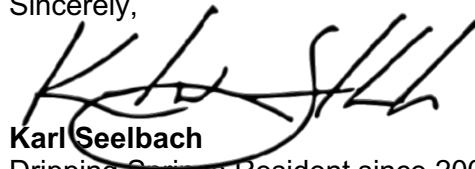
This is not an out-of-town corporate development. The people behind DSSC live here. They have kids in our schools. They're already contributing to our community—as business owners, youth coaches, and volunteers. Their vision is supported by hundreds of Dripping Springs families who want a facility built for us, by us. That authenticity matters.

**3. It supports responsible growth and local economic development.**

Strategically located between the current high school and the site of our future high school, DSSC is well-positioned to serve the city's expanding population. The 160,000 sq ft size is essential to meet demand—not excessive—and will support multiple sports, fitness programs, and family-focused amenities. The project will also create numerous local jobs, keep spending in our economy, and help reduce congestion on the 290 corridor.

This is the kind of project that strengthens our identity, keeps families local, and grows with intention. I hope you'll join me in supporting this variance and helping bring a much-needed, community-first resource to life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karl Seelbach', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

**Karl Seelbach**

Dripping Springs Resident since 2008

Managing Partner, Doyle & Seelbach PLLC

Founder, Skribe.ai

April 10, 2025

Planning & Zoning Commission  
City of Dripping Springs  
511 Mercer Street  
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

## RE: Support for Dripping Springs Sports Club Variance Request

Dear Planning & Zoning Commission Members,

As new Dripping Springs residents and parents of four daughters, we strongly support the Dripping Springs Sports Club's variance request to develop a 160,000 sq ft facility.

Coming from Scottsdale, AZ and having access to larger facilities such as LifeTime Fitness, which had convenient locations near our home, we were accustomed to state of the art work out facilities within a short distance. Living in Dripping Springs, there isn't anything currently that matches that, and the Dripping Springs Sports club will! While the YMCA and Gold's Gym are nice places for quick workouts, they lack overall features and amenities that DSSC is planning to build.

A comprehensive sports facility in Dripping Springs would:

- Eliminate long commutes for hundreds of local families
- Keep spending within our local economy
- Create jobs for Dripping Springs residents
- Reduce traffic on Highway 290
- Provide many health resources to the abundance of existing residents and new ones moving here

The proposed 160,000 sq ft is necessary to accommodate the variety of courts, fitness areas, and amenities our growing community needs. A smaller facility would not adequately serve Dripping Springs families.

I urge you to approve this variance request for the benefit of our community.

Best regards,

Andrew and Kimberly Abrams  
147 Stockman Drive  
Dripping Springs, TX 78620  
(414) 469-9226 / (414) 807-5886  
[Aba@abaconsulting.net](mailto:Aba@abaconsulting.net) / [kimberly@abaconsulting.net](mailto:kimberly@abaconsulting.net)

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Bill Foulds](#); [Planning](#)  
**Subject:** Deep Concern Over Oryx Development in Headwaters – Preserve the Heart of Dripping Springs  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 9, 2025 10:38:49 AM

---

Dear Mr. Foulds and our City Planning Team,

I'm writing as a deeply concerned resident of Dripping Springs and Headwaters. The recent updates to the Oryx development plan are nothing short of heartbreaking. The proposal to **level one of the most scenic and elevated hills in our community** to build a massive big-box store is profoundly disappointing. This decision is not only short-sighted — it risks destroying the very character and natural beauty that make Dripping Springs special.

Dripping Springs is meant to be a *destination*, not a pass-through city lined with generic development. The charm of our Hill Country environment is precisely why people move here, raise families here, and invest in this community. Flattening a stunning hill to make way for what appears to be a Lowe's Home Improvement — or any large commercial development — is an irreversible and destructive act. There is a way to preserve the hill and bring in retail, restaurants that match the vibe of the hill country which was originally planned. If decisions like this are continually made it will destroy the charm of Dripping Springs. It is bad enough we have no booming heart of downtown and a highway lined with more dentists, storage units and mattress shops than necessary, but now home values are being impacted. Please do not let this happen.

The **visual impact, light pollution, and noise from overnight operations and deliveries** would shatter the peaceful quality of life in both Headwaters and Sunset Canyon. Beyond aesthetics and environment, this would directly **devalue our homes** and chip away at the identity of Dripping Springs — an identity that countless families chose over bigger, less thoughtful cities.

There are flat, commercially appropriate areas of Dripping Springs where this type of development could be placed more responsibly. Why sacrifice one of our most beautiful natural assets when there are better options?

We're not anti-growth — we are pro *smart, community-minded* development. Development that complements our neighborhoods, maintains home values, and protects the Hill Country spirit.

**Please think long-term.** Do we want Dripping Springs to preserve its soul and become a charming destination like Wimberley or Fredericksburg, or slide into being another overbuilt, impersonal pass-through like Pflugerville?

This is a pivotal moment. We urge you to protect our hills, our neighborhoods, and our shared future.

Respectfully,  
Crystal Faris  
Headwaters Resident  
Concerned Dripping Springs Citizen



April 15, 2025

Planning & Zoning Commission  
City of Dripping Springs

To Whom It May Concern:

Some decisions change communities forever. Your consideration of the Dripping Springs Sports Club variance request is one of those pivotal moments.

I've lived basketball my entire life – from the hardwood courts at Westlake High to being named MVP at the University of Texas, from hearing my name called by the Denver Nuggets on draft day to later creating Hoop Zone from the ground up. Through every step of my journey, I've witnessed how proper facilities transform potential into achievement.

Let me be brutally honest: the current situation in Dripping Springs is failing our young athletes. The nightly exodus of families driving 30-60 minutes each way to Austin facilities isn't just inconvenient – it's actively damaging to academic performance, family dynamics, and athletic development. I've watched talented kids quit sports they love simply because the logistics became unsustainable for their families.

The proposed 160,000 square foot DSSC facility isn't a luxury or an extravagance. It's a necessity. Having developed facilities myself, I can assure you that the requested variance isn't about excess – it's about functionality and sustainability. A 100,000 square foot limitation would compromise the very elements that make a sports facility viable long-term.

During my years playing professional basketball, I learned that championship teams are built when communities invest in proper foundations. This variance represents that foundation.

When you consider this request, I ask you to see beyond today. Envision the thousands of young athletes who will develop their skills and character in this facility. Picture parents reclaiming hours of family time currently lost to commuting. Imagine the economic ripple effects that will benefit our entire community.

This variance isn't just about a building – it's about Dripping Springs' identity as a forward-thinking community that invests in its future. I strongly urge your approval.

Respectfully,

Bill Wendlandt  
Founder

**From:** [Tye Hardin](#)  
**To:** [Drew Rose](#); [Planning](#)  
**Subject:** Dripping Springs Sports Club  
**Date:** Friday, April 11, 2025 1:33:40 PM

---

Dear Planning & Zoning Commission Members,

As a 25 year Dripping Springs resident and parent of 2 young boys, I strongly support the Dripping Springs Sports Club's variance request to develop a 160,000 sq ft facility.

My kids are not currently in sports, but we are set to begin that chapter next year. As it currently sits, we will have to drive to Bee Cave for a proper facility to train and get lessons. This will result in hours in the car in the years to come.

A comprehensive sports facility in Dripping Springs would:

- Eliminate long commutes for hundreds of local families
- Keep spending within our local economy
- Create jobs for Dripping Springs residents
- Reduce traffic on Highway 290

As our community continues to grow, we need to ensure that this facility is good to go for that growth; something a smaller facility would not do. The proposed 160,000 sq ft is necessary to accommodate the variety of courts, fitness areas, and amenities our growing community needs. The founders of this project are experts in their fields and know what is needed to properly serve this community. If we're going to do it, we need to do it right!

Please consider this variance request for the benefit of the Dripping Springs community!

Tye Hardin | Insurance Advisor

**Watkins Insurance Group**

**TEL:** 512-678-1130 **CELL:** 512.422.5111

3834 Spicewood Springs Rd, Suite 100

Austin TX 78759

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
**Subject:** Dripping Springs Sports Club  
**Date:** Monday, April 14, 2025 11:32:52 AM

---

**To the Dripping Springs Planning & Zoning Commission,**

I'm writing in strong support of the variance request for the proposed Dripping Springs Sports Club (DSSC). As a member of this growing community and a resident of Headwaters, I've seen firsthand how the lack of local recreational facilities creates a real strain on families.

Right now, many of us are driving 30 to 60 minutes—each way—to reach adequate gyms and courts in Austin, Bee Cave, or beyond for sports. That's time my teen and pre-teen daughters could be spending doing homework at their desks instead of in the backseat, or actually relaxing after a long school day rather than getting home late from practice. Our kids are already burnt out by their schedules, so let's give families back more time in their lives to be TOGETHER. It's also putting more cars on already congested roadways during peak hours.

Bringing a high-quality, multi-sport facility like DSSC to Dripping Springs would be a game-changer. It would give local teams the space they need to grow, reduce travel burdens on parents, and allow kids to stay active without sacrificing sleep, study time, or well-being. A space like this would also foster community, promote healthy habits, and give families more opportunities to connect—right here at home.

I fully support the request for a variance to allow for the 160,000 sq ft needed to build a facility that meets the real needs of our area. Our community is ready for this, and we deserve a place where families can thrive together.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Lindsay Hinkle  
Headwaters Resident and Club Volleyball Mom of 2  
512-669-8345

[REDACTED]

April 10, 2025

Planning & Zoning Commission  
City of Dripping Springs  
511 Mercer Street  
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

RE: Support for Dripping Springs Sports Club Variance Request

Dear Members of the Planning & Zoning Commission,

As a parent and active member of the Hill Country community, I'm writing in full support of the Dripping Springs Sports Club's variance request to build their 160,000 sq ft facility.

Like many local families, our kids are home schooled and enjoy meeting up with other homeschool groups indoors and outdoors, and they thrive when getting exercise and fitness at the gym. Because of the incredible homeschool community in Dripping Springs, this facility would allow our children to have access to world class fitness in a convenient location, with many other local families.

Beyond serving local families, this project will create jobs and a safe and fun place to connect and be active. The size requested isn't excessive — it's essential to meet the needs of a fast-growing area. As members of similar establishments, its exciting to have a world class option so close!

This is exactly the kind of project that strengthens a community. We are hopeful that you approve this project.

Sincerely,

Heath Hale  
106 Confidence Cove  
Lakeway, Texas 78734



**Lauren Metcalf**

18210 W Cave Cv

Dripping Springs, TX 78620



210-748-4891

04/10/2025

**Planning and Zoning Commission**

City of Dripping Springs

511 Mercer Street

Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Dear Planning and Zoning Commission Members,

As a Dripping Springs resident and parent of three active children, I am writing in strong support of the variance request for the development of **The Dripping Springs Sports Club (DSSC)**, a proposed 160,000 sq ft mixed-use athletic facility that would bring tremendous value to our growing community.

My family currently drives to Bee Cave and South Austin multiple times a week to accommodate our sports-loving children. This adds up to over eight hours of driving each week, often resulting in late nights on school days and missed opportunities to spend quality time together. We are far from the only ones—hundreds of local families face similar challenges due to the lack of adequate athletic facilities here in Dripping Springs.

A comprehensive, well-designed facility like DSSC would:

- **Eliminate long commutes** for youth athletes and fitness-focused adults alike
- **Keep spending within our local economy** instead of diverting it to neighboring cities
- **Create local jobs** and support small businesses
- **Reduce traffic and wear on Highway 290** by decreasing out-of-town travel
- **Improve quality of life** for busy families looking for accessible wellness opportunities

The proposed 160,000 sq ft size is not excessive, it is essential to meet the wide-ranging needs of our growing community. DSSC is designed to be inclusive, multi-functional, and future-ready complex. A smaller footprint simply would not provide the scale or versatility required.

Approving this facility aligns perfectly with Dripping Springs' commitment to being a family-centered, active, and connected place to live. **The Dripping Springs Sports Club** will not only serve as a hub for sports and fitness but also as a much needed gathering space that strengthens the bonds of our local community.

Thank you for your service and your thoughtful consideration of this request. I urge you to approve the variance and help bring this incredible opportunity to life.

Sincerely,

*Lauren Metcalf*

**April 16, 2025**

Planning & Zoning Commission  
City of Dripping Springs  
511 Mercer Street  
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

**RE: Support for Dripping Springs Sports Club Variance Request**

Dear Planning & Zoning Commission Members,

As a mother of three and a new resident of Dripping Springs, I'm writing to express my full support for the variance request for the Dripping Springs Sports Club (DSSC).

We recently moved to this community, and we've truly fallen in love with it—especially the strong sense of family and the exciting growth all around us. With more young families calling Dripping Springs home every day, there's a growing need for a central space where we can stay active, connect, and build community.

A facility like DSSC would be so much more than a gym. It would be a gathering place—for workouts, casual lunches, indoor playtime, basketball, volleyball, pickleball, and more. It's a space that supports the full rhythm of family life, all under one roof. Right now, those kinds of amenities require long drives out of town, which eat up family time and shift our energy and spending away from Dripping Springs.

Physical activity is the foundation of a healthy, connected, and vibrant community. The proposed 160,000 sq ft is essential—not excessive. This size allows DSSC to offer the diverse mix of programming, court space, wellness options, and family-focused amenities that our growing community needs to thrive. A significantly smaller facility would limit that impact and reduce its ability to serve families of all ages.

This is a meaningful opportunity to invest in the future of Dripping Springs. I strongly encourage you to approve the full variance request and help bring a resource to life that will benefit our families, our economy, and our town for years to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration—and as always, **Go Tigers!**

Warmly,

**Autumn Kirtland**

656 Spectacular Bid Dr.  
Austin, TX 78737

[REDACTED]  
(408) 903-3651

April 15, 2025

To the Planning Commission of Dripping Springs,

In regards to the Dripping Springs Sports Club and its proposed plans, we would like to request that you approve the request for variance for the size of facility being 160,000 sqft. We appreciate this restriction in general; however, for somewhere like this that is trying to provide services of this kind, allowing for a larger size allows it to better address the sports needs.

Right now, most tournaments are at least 30 min away, and often an hour (e.g. Georgetown, Round Rock, San Antonio), which is harder for families as it takes more time out of the schedule, and having something here would be really nice. For benefit to the community / city beyond just that aspect, before / between / after games, people who come from out of town as well as who live locally are more likely to support local businesses by purchasing food especially, or maybe even in other ways like shopping while waiting.

Thanks,

Greg Schumacher

103 Dally Ct

Dripping Springs, TX 78620

**April 14, 2025**

Planning & Zoning Commission  
City of Dripping Springs  
511 Mercer Street  
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

**RE: Support for Dripping Springs Sports Club Variance Request**

Dear Planning & Zoning Commission Members,

As a Dripping Springs resident and parent of two active children, I strongly support the Dripping Springs Sports Club's variance request to develop a 160,000 sq ft facility.

My daughter currently drives to HCI, WAAC and SMAC multiple times weekly for volleyball practice. This causes some very late nights for my high school daughter. Basketball tournaments are never local for my son's select club due to lack of court availability which sends us to Round Rock and San Antonio to compete.

A comprehensive sports facility in Dripping Springs would:

- Eliminate long commutes for hundreds of local families
- Keep spending within our local economy
- Create jobs for Dripping Springs residents
- Reduce traffic on Highway 290

The proposed 160,000 sq ft is necessary to accommodate the variety of courts, fitness areas, and amenities our growing community needs. A smaller facility would not adequately serve Dripping Springs families.

I urge you to approve this variance request for the benefit of our community.

Sincerely,

Michael Thomas  
128 Sandpiper Cove  
Austin, TX 78620



(512) 585-0569

—

Let me know if you need any further adjustments or additional information!

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
**Subject:** DSSC Variance Support Letter  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 16, 2025 8:31:49 AM

---

Planning & Zoning Commission City of Dripping Springs 511 Mercer Street Dripping Springs, TX 78620

**RE: Support for Dripping Springs Sports Club Variance Request**

Dear Planning & Zoning Commission Members,

As a long time Dripping Springs resident and parent of two active children, I strongly support the Dripping Springs Sports Club's variance request to develop a 160,000 sq ft facility.

For years my family has been driving for extended periods of time to attend their extracurricular activities, practices, games and tournaments. None of those, however, are in the city of Dripping Springs. This new facility would be a huge game changer for the community of Dripping Springs. I strongly believe this development would be essential with the growth that is happening to our community. I believe the following would have long term benefits for our city and community.

- Eliminate long commutes for hundreds of local families
- Keep spending within our local economy
- Create jobs for Dripping Springs residents
- Reduce traffic on Highway 290

The proposed 160,000 sq ft is necessary to accommodate the variety of courts, fitness areas, and amenities our growing community needs. A smaller facility would not adequately serve Dripping Springs families.

I would urge you to approve this variance request for the benefit of our community.

Sincerely,

**Tressa Aleshire**

April 10, 2025

Planning & Zoning Commission  
City of Dripping Springs  
511 Mercer Street  
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

RE: Support for Dripping Springs Sports Club Variance Request

Dear Members of the Planning & Zoning Commission,

As a 17-year resident of Dripping Springs and a parent of three young athletes, I am writing to enthusiastically support the variance request for the Dripping Springs Sports Club to build a 160,000 sq ft sports facility in our community.

Like many families here, we spend countless hours driving to facilities located in surrounding Austin-area suburbs including Pflugerville, Lake Travis, Kyle and Westlake for volleyball, soccer, basketball and various others sports practices and games. These trips add over 16 hours a week for our family, cutting into family time and leaving my kids exhausted on school nights. It's not just the time—it's the wear and tear on our car and the frustration of navigating congested roads.

A local sports complex of this size would be a game-changer for Dripping Springs. It would:

- Save families like mine hours of driving each week.
- Boost our local economy by keeping spending in town.
- Provide job opportunities for residents, from coaches to facility staff.
- Ease traffic on Highway 290 by reducing out-of-town commutes.

The proposed 160,000 sq ft facility is the right size to meet the diverse needs of our growing community. A smaller space simply wouldn't have the capacity to offer the range of sports and activities our kids and adults deserve—everything from volleyball courts to fitness areas and community spaces.

I respectfully urge you to approve this variance request. This facility would strengthen our community and make life better for so many families in Dripping Springs.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ryan Dennison  
100 Hudson Lane  
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

04.15.2025

Planning & Zoning Commission

City of Dripping Springs

511 Mercer Street Dripping Springs, TX 78620

## **RE: Support for Dripping Springs Sports Club Variance Request**

Planning & Zoning Commission Members,

My name is Chris Lupton and I was the managing partner for Hill Country Indoor for over 7 years. I have first hand experience watching a facility (very similar to the one proposed) improve a neighborhood and ultimately bring a community together. Our community events and business partnerships have made a huge impact. Nearly every day we have realtors bringing families into HCI to show off the community amenities.

I urge you to also look at the economic impact this facility will have on Dripping Springs as a whole. Keeping families in town vs driving to Austin to practice will bring food and shopping revenue back to your tax payers. Through tournaments and events, restaurants and hotels will flourish. This has been proven in Round Rock, Cedar Park and Bee Cave.

As for the variance, this was a key win for the HCI team during development in 2015. Without it, the facility would not be near the opportunity that it is today. Variances are made for a reason and I believe this is a clear front runner.

Sincerely,

Chris Lupton



Hill Country Indoor  
Bee Cave, Texas



656 Spectacular Bid Dr

Austin, TX 78737

[REDACTED]

April 11, 2025

Planning & Zoning Commission

City of Dripping Springs

511 Mercer Street

Dripping Springs, TX 78620

RE: Support for Dripping Springs Sports Club Variance Request

Dear Planning & Zoning Commission Members,

As a Navy Reserve officer, maintaining peak physical fitness is not just a personal priority-it is a professional requirement. Unfortunately, our current options in Dripping Springs are limited, forcing me to drive into Austin for access to the kind of equipment and space I need. These frequent trips take valuable time away from my family and increase the daily strain on my schedule.

The proposed Dripping Springs Sports Club would eliminate these challenges by providing a high-quality facility that supports serious fitness training and offers a fun, active environment for local families. My children would be able to enjoy sports and recreational activities while I complete my training-all under one roof, just minutes from home.

The size of the planned 160,000 sq ft facility is crucial. A smaller space simply wouldn't accommodate the growing demand or the breadth of programming needed for our community. I fully support the DSSC's request for a variance and hope you will approve this project for the betterment of all Dripping Springs families.

Sincerely,

Mark Kirtland

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
**Cc:** [Drew Rose](#)  
**Subject:** In favor of the variance for Dripping Springs Sports Club  
**Date:** Saturday, April 12, 2025 11:38:48 PM

---

Dear Planning & Zoning Commission Members,

As a resident of Dripping Springs, I would like to express my support of approving the variance request for Dripping Springs Sports Club.

As an athlete and someone committed to a healthy lifestyle, I would greatly appreciate having a first rate sports facility where I can play basketball, lift weights, support my Childrens' athletic endeavors, and meet my exercise goals within the community that I live in.

Currently, there is nothing similar in magnitude or diversity in what it offers here in Dripping Springs. Hill Country Indoor, a similar, popular facility in Bee Cave, is over a thirty minute drive depending where you live in Dripping Springs. It is not practical or easy to spend bulk time commuting to that gym to utilize high quality equipment and spaces. Our community would benefit immensely from having our own sports club where anyone from a child on a trampoline to someone retiring and picking up pickleball can thoroughly enjoy themselves. My family would love to stay local rather than drive over an hour round trip to some other gym.

The Dripping Springs Sports Club will bring people together around common goals in fitness, active living, and recreation. It promotes healthy habits and active lifestyles. Everyone in Dripping Springs would benefit from the Dripping Springs Sports Club.

Thank you for considering approving this variance request. Our community will greatly benefit from this first class Dripping Springs Sports Club.

Best regards,

Micah VanDover

Home Address:  
500 Sue Peaks Loop  
Dripping Springs, Texas 78738  
(512)708-9919



**MICAH VANDOVER**

REALTOR®

c 512.708.9919 o 512.261.0008

w [kuperrealty.com](http://kuperrealty.com)

e [micah.vandover@sothebysrealty.com](mailto:micah.vandover@sothebysrealty.com)

a 13420 Galleria Circle Suite A-105

Austin, Texas 78738





**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Bill Foulds; Planning](#)  
**Subject:** Let's Preserve the Character of Dripping Springs  
**Date:** Friday, April 11, 2025 8:56:02 AM

---

Dear Mayor & City Planning,

I'm reaching out as a deeply concerned resident who's watched Dripping Springs rapidly transform—and not for the better. What once felt like a peaceful Hill Country town with heart and character is quickly becoming unrecognizable. I understand that growth is inevitable, but what's happening now isn't thoughtful development—it's unchecked sprawl driven by profit, not by vision.

Do we really want to become the next Pflugerville—miles of neighborhoods, strip malls, and apartments lining a congested highway? If you've been over there recently, you know how lifeless and overwhelming it feels. That's not what any of us signed up for when we chose to live here.

Dripping Springs is the gateway to the Hill Country. It still has the potential to be a truly special destination—like Wimberley—but only if we protect what makes it unique. That means preserving the hills, the views, and the sense of space that gives this town its soul. That means making room for local businesses that reflect our culture, not just more chains and box stores that could be found anywhere in America.

There are already signs of hope. Last Chance is showing how to build with character, I'm so happy to see they are coming back. Bringing Nutty Brown back to the old Paloma location could honor our roots while giving people something to gather around, and I would LOVE to see something like this happen that residents and visitors alike would enjoy. These are the kinds of projects that make Dripping feel like Dripping—not like a generic suburb off a highway.

Right now, the trajectory we're on is pushing even new residents to consider leaving. That should be a huge red flag. People didn't move here for traffic, noise, or concrete. They moved here for a better way of life—one that feels increasingly out of reach.

We can still turn this around. We can grow smart, not fast. We can plan with intention, protect our natural beauty, and make decisions that benefit long-term quality of life—not just short-term gains.

Let's make Dripping Springs a place people want to stay. Let's keep the charm, preserve the views, and bring back the character that made this town worth moving to and fighting for in the first place.

Sincerely,  
Amanda Waltman  
Resident of Dripping Springs

April 10, 2025

City of Dripping Springs Planning & Zoning Commission  
511 Mercer Street  
Dripping Springs, TX 78620  
[Planning@cityofdrippingsprings.com](mailto:Planning@cityofdrippingsprings.com)

**RE: Support for Dripping Springs Sports Club Variance Request**

Dear Planning & Zoning Commission Members,

As Dripping Springs residents, we are writing to express our full support for Dripping Springs Sports Club's ("DSSC") variance request to develop a 160,000 square foot sports facility. The proposed 160,000 sq ft facility is necessary to accommodate the variety of courts, fitness areas, and amenities our growing community desperately needs. A smaller facility will not adequately serve the needs of Dripping Springs families, now or in the future.

We believe the requested variance is reasonable, necessary, and appropriate. My family, and hundreds of other families in the community, spend a significant amount of time and money in other cities that have the facilities DSSC plans to build. By approving the variance request, Dripping Springs will finally have the facilities necessary to keep sports and recreation activities local, which will eliminate long commutes for hundreds of local families, reduce traffic on Highway 290, generate significant revenue for the City, and create countless jobs for the Dripping Springs community.

Our community desperately needs the comprehensive sports facility proposed by DSSC. Granting the variance will not adversely affect the character of the community nor will it impair the use or development of adjacent properties. To the contrary, the proposed facility aligns with the goals of thoughtful and practical land use that benefits our community. Having the proposed state-of-the-art facility in our backyard is a game-changing opportunity for the Dripping Springs community. With our community's future in your hands, we implore you to approve this variance request. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Catherine and Ryan Harper

cc: [drew@drippingsportsclub.com](mailto:drew@drippingsportsclub.com)

**April 15, 2025**

Dripping Springs Planning & Zoning Commission  
City of Dripping Springs  
511 W Mercer St  
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

**RE: DSSC Variance Request – Letter of Caution**

Dear Planning & Zoning Commission,

I hope this letter finds you well. As a Dripping Springs resident, I strongly advocate for thoughtful development that supports our community's continued growth. However, I write today to express concern regarding the increasing frequency with which variances are being granted along the Highway 290 corridor. This marks the second such request in just a few weeks, prompting a broader question: **What is the purpose of maintaining comprehensive development codes at the city level if they are regularly going to be bypassed?**

While I support responsible development and understand that each project presents unique considerations, we must uphold standards that ensure long-term sustainability and community balance. The proposed facility is a substantial project—effectively an anchor development—located directly off Highway 290. Approval of this variance would set a precedent for further large-scale projects in the corridor. I am particularly concerned about the cumulative impact, especially in light of the concept plans by Oryx Development for an adjacent 130,000-square-foot facility.

I would also like to highlight a personal example that underscores the need for consistency in our policies. As a resident of Headwaters, I am currently prohibited from washing my own vehicles on my property due to ongoing water restrictions mandated by the MUD. This restriction underscores the reality of our limited water resources, which makes the approval of water-intensive developments all the more concerning. While I acknowledge that variances can be warranted in certain situations, each decision must be thoroughly evaluated in the context of long-term community sustainability.

Furthermore, according to TPWD GIS data, the proposed development lies within habitat known to support the federally listed endangered Golden-cheeked Warbler. I respectfully request that a full environmental assessment be conducted and made publicly available prior to any site plan approval—or, alternatively, that the City provide the specific code basis or exemption allowing for a “take” under the Endangered Species Act, if such an assessment is not required.

At the same time, I recognize the growing demand for local athletic and recreational facilities. The Dripping Springs Sports Club presents a valuable opportunity to address this need for families and youth athletes. However, it is essential that any development along this segment of Highway 290 proceeds with comprehensive planning and a clear understanding of its long-term impacts on infrastructure, environment, and community character.

Thank you for your time and attention to these concerns. I appreciate the difficult task before you and trust that your decision will reflect a thoughtful balance between progress and preservation.

Sincerely,

Jonathan L Fitzgerald  
Headwaters Resident

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to VAR2025-002 – Sports Club Zoning Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, April 6, 2025 6:05:14 PM

---

Dear Planning & Zoning Commission,

I am writing to express my concern and opposition to the proposed zoning variance referenced as **VAR2025-002 – Sports Club Zoning Amendment**.

While I appreciate the City's continued efforts to grow and develop thoughtfully, I have strong reservations about the potential impacts of this project—particularly with the proposed entrance on Canyonwood Drive. This road is a residential street not designed to support increased traffic volumes especially at the top of a hill that already has limited sight distance. From a safety standpoint, introducing a high-traffic access point in this area poses serious risks to the Sunset Canyon Neighborhood and people driving on Canyonwood.

In addition to traffic concerns, the significant amount of impervious surface planned—particularly large areas of concrete—raises environmental red flags. This development could dramatically affect the surrounding landscape, increase runoff, and heighten the risk of flooding. Of particular concern is the culvert at the end of North Canyonwood Drive, which already sees strain during heavy rains with the already reduced landscape from all the homes built in Headwaters. The added runoff from such a development may overwhelm existing infrastructure and pose a threat to nearby homes and properties.

I respectfully ask the Commission to consider the long-term impact this amendment could have on the safety, environmental integrity including the dark sky community, and character of the Sunset Canyon neighborhood. I urge you to deny this variance and seek alternative solutions that better align with the residential nature of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jill Zeimann



**Planning & Zoning Commission  
City of Dripping Springs  
511 Mercer Street  
Dripping Springs, TX 78620**

**RE: Support for Dripping Springs Sports Club Variance Request**

Dear Planning & Zoning Commission Members,

As Dripping Springs residents and parents of two active children/athletes, I strongly support the Dripping Springs Sports Club's variance request to develop a 160,000 sq ft facility. This facility will be a long-term community asset that will strengthen community bonds between residents, strengthen our youth athletes, and provide considerable positive economic impact to Dripping Springs and surrounding businesses.

My family currently drives to Bee Cave, Westlake, and South Austin multiple times weekly for competitive cheer, soccer, and basketball activities. This means 10+ hours of driving time and late nights for my children on school nights.

A comprehensive sport & wellness facility in Dripping Springs would:

- Eliminate long commutes for hundreds of local families
- Keep spending within our local economy
- Create jobs for Dripping Springs residents
- Reduce traffic on Highway 290

The proposed 160,000 sq ft is necessary to accommodate the variety of courts, fitness areas, and amenities our growing community needs. A smaller facility would not adequately serve Dripping Springs families and make the impact that a larger facility would.

I urge you to approve this variance request for the benefit of our community.

Sincerely,

Will & Krista Diaz  
12146 Mesa Verde Dr  
Austin, TX 78737  
[REDACTED]  
(773)663-6653

Milena Diaz - RSES, 5th Grade  
Beckett Diaz - RSES, 3rd Grade

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
**Cc:** [Drew Rose](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Backing the Dripping Springs Sports Club Variance Request  
**Date:** Saturday, April 12, 2025 12:18:58 AM

---

Dear Planning & Zoning Commission,

As a father of two children in Dripping Springs, I strongly support the variance request for the Dripping Springs Sports Club (DSSC) to construct a 160,000-square-foot facility. This project is exactly what our growing community needs.

Raising active kids means my wife and I spend countless hours driving to Bee Cave, South Austin, or Westlake for their sports practices and camps. These trips are exhausting, especially on school nights or during school breaks when we're trekking to places like HCI in Bee Cave for summer programs. A local, state-of-the-art sports facility would eliminate this burden for my family and many others. The DSSC's proposed complex would not only keep our kids closer to home but also become a vibrant hub for our community.

This facility would do more than save travel time. It would keep dollars in Dripping Springs by creating local jobs and attracting families from across the region. A project of this caliber would showcase our town's ambition and strengthen its reputation as a great place to live and raise a family. Why let neighboring cities like Bee Cave reap these benefits when we can build something extraordinary right here?

The proposed size of the facility is critical to its success. A 160,000-square-foot complex would provide enough space for courts, training areas, and amenities to serve our rapidly growing population. A smaller footprint simply would not meet the needs of our kids and families. I understand the purpose of zoning restrictions, but this isn't a generic big-box store - it's a tailored solution for our community's future. Every parent I've spoken with about this project is enthusiastic about its potential, and I share their excitement.

I respectfully urge you to approve this variance. By doing so, you'll help make Dripping Springs a stronger, more connected community for families like mine.

Sincerely,

Patrick Zielbauer (Kirby Springs Ranch)

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning; Drew Rose](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Support for Dripping Springs Sports Club Variance Request  
**Date:** Friday, April 11, 2025 12:01:19 PM

---

Dear Planning & Zoning Commission Members,

As a Dripping Springs resident and parent of three active children, I strongly support the Dripping Springs Sports Club's variance request to develop a 160,000 sq facility.

A comprehensive sports facility in Dripping Springs would:

- Eliminate long commutes for hundreds of local families
- Keep spending within our local economy
- Create jobs for Dripping Springs residents
- Reduce traffic on Highway 290

The proposed 160,000 sq is necessary to accommodate the variety of courts, fitness areas, and amenities our growing community needs. A smaller facility would not adequately serve Dripping Springs families.

I urge you to approve this variance request for the benefit of our community.

Thank you!

Josh Teitelbaum

[REDACTED]  
(410) 382-0885

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Support for Dripping Springs Sports Club Variance Request  
**Date:** Monday, April 14, 2025 12:45:17 PM

---

**April 14, 2025**

Planning & Zoning Commission  
City of Dripping Springs  
[511 Mercer Street](#)  
[Dripping Springs, TX 78620](#)

**RE: Support for Dripping Springs Sports Club Variance Request**

Dear Planning & Zoning Commission Members,

My name is Adrienne Seelbach. I was raised in Dripping Springs, graduated from Dripping Springs High School in 2002, and now I'm raising two daughters—Annabelle (13) and Millie (9)—in the same town that shaped me.

Like so many families in our growing community, we spend many hours each week commuting into Austin for sports practices, tournaments, and fitness activities. That time adds up—and it's time we could be spending together as a family, at home, or supporting local businesses here in Dripping Springs.

That's why I fully support the **Dripping Springs Sports Club (DSSC)** and their request for a variance to build the 160,000 sq ft facility our community truly needs. From a mom's perspective, here are the three main reasons this project is so important:

1.

**It will dramatically reduce time spent on the road.**

Driving into Austin several times a week is exhausting—not just for parents, but for our kids too. DSSC gives us the chance to stay local, avoid traffic, and bring youth sports and family fitness home to Dripping Springs.

2.

**It gives kids a safe, fun place to connect.**

This facility will be a true hub for our children—where they can meet up with friends, stay active, and build confidence in a positive, structured environment. That kind of space is so important, especially as our town continues to grow.

3.

**It supports whole-family health and wellness.**

DSSC isn't just for kids—it's for parents too. With adult fitness areas, group classes,

healthy food options, and community events, it creates a space where families can focus on being active and well, together.

What makes this project even more special is that it's **led by local families**—not some outside developer. These are people who live here, whose kids go to our schools, and who care deeply about building something that will benefit the entire Dripping Springs community for years to come.

Please approve this variance so DSSC can move forward. As a lifelong resident, I truly believe this project will make our town an even better place to raise a family.

Sincerely,

**Adrienne Seelbach**

Dripping Springs High School Class of 2002

Proud Mom to Annabelle (13) and Millie (9)

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
**Cc:** [drew@drippingsportsclub.com](mailto:drew@drippingsportsclub.com)  
**Subject:** Request for increased zoning  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 16, 2025 7:33:26 AM

---

**To the Dripping Springs Sports Club and the Planning & Zoning Commission,**

I am writing in strong support of the Dripping Springs Sports Club's request for a variance to build a 160,000 sq ft facility—beyond the current 100,000 sq ft limit. As a parent of young children just beginning to engage in team sports, I've already see the impact of the limited athletic options in our area. Without adequate local facilities, we often have to drive 30 miles or more just so our kids can access quality fields and indoor practice space.

Bringing a larger, more comprehensive sports complex closer to home would not only save families like mine countless hours on the road, but it would also strengthen our local community. This facility would give kids the chance to stay active, build teamwork, and develop lifelong healthy habits—all within a supportive and familiar environment.

The added convenience and access would enhance the quality of life for so many families in Dripping Springs. I urge you to approve the variance request and help create a space that truly meets the needs of our growing community.

Sincerely,

Jay Ryan Ash  
512-925-0178

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Drew Rose; Planning](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Support for Dripping Springs Sports Club Variance Request  
**Date:** Monday, April 14, 2025 5:33:59 AM  
**Attachments:** [Outlook-k0go00hl.jpg](#)  
[Outlook-tfz3kr4f.png](#)

---

Dear Planning & Zoning Commission Members,

My husband and I have been Dripping Springs residents of nearly four years, I am a local physical therapist, and we are parents to four children ages 5 to 12—all of whom are actively involved in youth sports. I'm writing to express my strong support for the Dripping Springs Sports Club's variance request to build a 160,000 sq ft facility.

As both a parent and a healthcare provider in this community, I see firsthand the strain our current lack of athletic facilities places on families. My own children travel weekly to Bee Cave, Austin, and other surrounding areas just to participate in practices and games. That's a lot of time spent in the car—on school nights, often with homework in hand—and it's a reality I know many other families face as well.

From a professional standpoint, I also treat many young athletes dealing with the physical toll of overtraining and inconsistent access to appropriate practice space. Local gyms are overcrowded, school facilities are stretched thin, and teams struggle to find reliable options.

The DSSC proposal offers a real, community-centered solution: a well-designed, multi-sport facility that includes space for basketball, volleyball, pickleball, fitness, childcare, and more. This type of complex would not only serve hundreds of youth athletes, but also offer health, wellness, and recreational opportunities for families of all ages.

Dripping Springs is growing quickly, and it's critical that our infrastructure keeps pace. Approving this variance is a key step toward providing resources that match the needs of our community—not just today, but well into the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kelli Chandler

Colin Chandler

Kelli Chandler, PT, DPT, COMT, FAAOMPT  
Concierge Orthopedics, Owner and CEO  
870-723-5068



[Book time to meet with me](#)



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
**Cc:** [Drew Rose](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Dripping Springs Sports Club Variance Request  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 16, 2025 9:34:08 AM

---

Dear Planning & Zoning Commission Members,

As a Dripping Springs resident, I strongly support the Dripping Springs Sports Club's variance request to develop a very beautiful 160,000 sq ft facility. The Rose family is working so hard and risking a lot in order to provide a safe place for the kids in our community to grow as great people in our community and learn hard work and fun through sports. This is all appreciated so much by so many! I doubt they can make the facility any smaller to accommodate the needs of the community and on the business-side to make enough revenue for this business to even work. It's such a phenomenal opportunity for our town. Hopefully this even brings other businesses of high quality to our area.

On another note, thank you for all you all do for Dripping Springs. Our community is at the beginning of a new stage of growth and we really appreciate you all working with businesses to provide great places for us, our kids, and our guests to get more joy out of life. We hope you all continue to keep bringing upscale businesses like the Dripping Springs Sports Club that are bringing services that are needed very much by the residents here.

Please approve this variance request for the benefit of everyone who lives here.

Sincerely,

Allen Shannon  
7199 Creek Road  
Dripping Springs, Texas 78620  
512-636-3105 cell

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning; Drew Rose](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Support for Dripping Springs Sports Club Variance Request  
**Date:** Friday, April 11, 2025 9:23:45 AM

---

Planning & Zoning Commission  
City of Dripping Springs  
511 Mercer Street  
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Dear Planning & Zoning Commission Members,

My family and I are residents of Dripping Springs and love our community. While we enjoy parks and hiking here locally, we have resorted to driving thirty minutes to Bee Cave to utilize gym space that meets our family's needs (providing an air conditioned space where each of our four kids can participate in a variety of sports simultaneously).

We strongly express our support for the Dripping Springs Sports Club's variance request to develop a 160,000 sq ft facility. This would be a benefit to hundreds of families in the area. As Dripping Springs continues to grow, having this sports club would be a place for families to connect, prioritize healthy lifestyles, develop sports related skills, and enjoy exercise. We would love to stay local and have these benefits rather than trek to Bee Cave and spend extra hours commuting in the car. Our community attracts families, and the Dripping Springs Sports Club would be an ideal place for families to gather and grow with its different court options, spaces to work out and play, and an on-site cafe to stay for snacks and a meal. My husband and I would love to take our family here.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the nation, and with Dreamland's recent closure, Dripping Springs lost a huge percentage of its pickleball courts. One of our neighbors moved here from South Austin to retire and play pickleball there every evening. He now drives about thirty minutes to do so and can only do so a few times a week instead of remaining local to participate in his favorite sport every evening. Dripping Springs Sports Club would offer many pickleball courts - which provides exercise and fun for people of all ages. With our growing community and this sport's popularity, Dripping Springs Sports Club would meet an evident need.

Would you please consider approving this variance request on behalf of the Dripping Springs community members who would appreciate the many blessings it would offer? Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Alycia VanDover  
500 Sue Peaks Loop  
Dripping Springs, TX 78620



619-391-8171

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
**Cc:** [drew@drippingsportsclub.com](mailto:drew@drippingsportsclub.com)  
**Subject:** Support for Dripping Springs Sports Club Variance Request  
**Date:** Thursday, April 10, 2025 4:21:43 PM

---

April 10, 2025

Planning & Zoning Commission  
City of Dripping Springs  
511 Mercer Street  
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

RE: Support for Dripping Springs Sports Club Variance Request

Dear Planning & Zoning Commission Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Dripping Springs Sports Club's variance request to develop a 160,000 sq ft facility.

A comprehensive sports facility in Dripping Springs would:

- Eliminate long commutes for hundreds of local families
- Keep spending within our local economy
- Create jobs for Dripping Springs residents
- Reduce traffic on Highway 290
- Move activity time with family and friends increasing our value as a community

The proposed 160,000 sq ft facility is essential to accommodate the variety of courts, fitness areas, and amenities that our growing community needs. A smaller facility would not adequately serve the families of Dripping Springs.

I urge you to approve this variance request for the benefit of our community.

--

Mindi Smith-Zemanek

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning; drew@drippingsportsclub.com](mailto:drew@drippingsportsclub.com)  
**Subject:** Support for DSSC  
**Date:** Thursday, April 10, 2025 2:47:16 PM

---

Dear Planning & Zoning Commission Members,

As a Dripping Springs resident and parent of two active children, I strongly support the Dripping Springs Sports Club's variance request to develop a 160,000 sq ft facility. My family currently drives to Bee Cave and South Austin multiple times weekly for volleyball, basketball, and pickleball activities. This means 8+ hours of driving time and late nights for my children on school nights.

A comprehensive sports facility in Dripping Springs would:

- Eliminate long commutes for hundreds of local families
- Keep spending within our local economy
- Create jobs for Dripping Springs residents
- Reduce traffic on Highway 290

The proposed 160,000 sq ft is necessary to accommodate the variety of courts, fitness areas, and amenities our growing community needs. A smaller facility would not adequately serve Dripping Springs families. I urge you to approve this variance request for the benefit of our community.

Sincerely,  
David Coraggio

April 10, 2025

Planning & Zoning Commission  
City of Dripping Springs  
511 Mercer Street  
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Dear Members of the Planning & Zoning Commission:

I am writing in strong support of a variance approval for the construction of Dripping Springs Sports Club. As a Dripping Springs resident for over 16 years with four active children, I wish this would have come sooner! I have spent many hours on the road driving them to and from practices in Austin and if there were a closer option, those hours could have been utilized elsewhere. I believe this project warrants your favorable consideration as it addresses a significant gap in our local recreational infrastructure.

The significant travel burden:

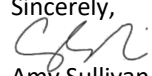
- Limits access for many families, particularly those with limited transportation options
- Adds substantial time commitments to already busy family schedules
- Creates unnecessary traffic and environmental impacts from extended commuting
- Reduces spontaneous recreational opportunities, especially for youth

Additionally, many high school teens drive themselves to practices far away and having them stay within Dripping Springs for late night practices would be so much nicer.

Aside from the travel burden, the proposed facility would provide numerous other benefits to our community:

1. **Improved Access to Fitness & Recreation:** Creating a local option would significantly increase accessibility for all residents, particularly youth, seniors, and those with transportation constraints.
2. **Enhanced Quality of Life:** Having quality recreational facilities within our community would foster greater physical activity, social connection, and overall well-being among residents of all ages.
3. **Family-Centered Community Development:** The facility would serve as a hub for family activities, youth sports, and community gatherings, strengthening our town's sense of community.
4. **Economic Benefits:** This facility would create local jobs, keep recreational spending within our community, increase property values, and potentially attract new residents seeking communities with quality amenities.

I strongly encourage you to approve this variance request, as it will serve the long-term benefits of this wonderful community.

Sincerely,  
  
Amy Sullivan

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
**Cc:** [drew@drippingsportsclub.com](mailto:drew@drippingsportsclub.com)  
**Subject:** We need the Dripping Spring Sports Club!  
**Date:** Friday, April 11, 2025 9:02:33 AM

---

Dear Planning & Zoning Commission Members of Dripping Springs,

I am emailing in hopes of gaining your support for a variance request on the size of the Dripping Springs Sports Club. My family moved to Dripping Springs 4 years ago and dove right into the amazing community and athletics scenes. We have 3 kids ages 7-11 that juggle 4 sports each. As you can imagine, the schedules are insane! One thing that would make our lives so much better would be less travel time to high quality facilities. Ready or not, the people are coming. We need a new high school, we need this sports facility, and frankly we need more outdoor softball/baseball/soccer fields as well, but one thing at a time. If someone is willing to step up and greatly improve the lives of the residents of Dripping Springs then we need to support it being done right from day one. The research shows that 160,000 square feet is what would be adequate and comparable to the thriving complexes that we are all driving to. This facility would help eliminate long commutes for hundreds of local families, it would keep spending within our local economy, reduce traffic on Highway 290 and also create jobs for Dripping Springs residents!

I urge you to approve this variance request for the benefit of our community.

Sincerely,  
Kristina Even  
(830) 660-8160

**Kristina LaFerrara Even**  
**830-660-8160**