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**TO:** FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

**FROM:** SHANNON VASSEN, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

**DATE:** MARCH 7, 2022

**AGENDA TEXT:** LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR FAMILY HEALTH WEST - A Request to Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Letter of Support for Family Health West's Congressional Directed Spending Request

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### BACKGROUND

Each year, members of the United States Congress and Senate accept requests from governments and non-profit organizations for community projects to be funded through Congressional Directed Spending. These projects are accepted through an application process, some are recommended for funding by each representative, and then may be approved through the federal appropriations process. Currently, United States Senators John Hickenlooper and Michael Bennet are accepting requests for community projects throughout the state and in Mesa County.

Family Health West is planning to apply for a Congressional Directed Spending award to build a Comprehensive Medical Center in Fruita. Family Health West states that the center will house adult and pediatric rehab, an education center, a meeting space complete with catering spaces, offices, and more. In order to apply for a Congressional Directed Spending award, a Letter of Support from an outside agency is required. The purpose of this agenda item is to authorize Mayor Kincaid to sign a Letter of Support for this request to each Senator.

### FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with signing the Letter of Support. If this project is awarded, it will significantly benefit the community from a health perspective, and it is estimated it would provide a substantial economic benefit to Fruita.

### APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The City of Fruita has a long partnership with Family Health West and supports their growth. Family Health West contributes to the quality of place of Fruita providing a plethora of healthcare services, and state of the art medical treatment for the Lower Valley.

### OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL

- Authorize the Mayor to sign the Letter of Support for Family Health West's Congressional Directed Spending Request
- Advise staff to revise the letter and authorize the Mayor to sign it with changes.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is the recommendation of staff that the Council by motion:

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR FAMILY  
HEALTH WEST'S CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTED SPENDING REQUEST.**

