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City of Los Fresnos 520 E. Ocean Blvd. Los Fresnos, TX 78566

City of Los Fresnos,

As the Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Los Fresnos, I am pleased to write on our behalf to show support for the Tutoring, Arts & Crafts, and Sport & Recreation programs. These projects have assisted in accomplishing our mission; To enable all young people to realize their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Los Fresnos gives children a safe haven and vital alternative to ever-threatening dangers of crime, gangs, and drugs. Our after-school programs extend the learning day, reinforcing the lessons taught in school. Additionally, Club members are provided with numerous opportunities to engage in research-proven programs, that facilitate leadership development. We also serve to enrich the lives of our Club members by offering a safe space to exercise, opportunities to compete in team sports (e.g. flag football, volleyball, basketball, and boxing) and establishing lifelong friendships.

A project like this is an important part of the Boys and Girls Club of Los Fresnos' efforts to give local young people a place to belong and a chance to learn and grow. Unhealthy lifestyles put them at risk for obesity, substance abuse and drop-out. Youth often lack mentors and caring adult role models to intervene with the potential for at-risk behaviors. Your support through this grant will greatly help accomplish our mission.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Los Fresnos, I write to formally notify you that our organization has made the difficult decision to part ways with Boys & Girls Clubs of America and conclude our charter after more than 25 years of proud affiliation. This decision was not made lightly, and it follows extensive discussion, evaluation, and planning. Over the past two and a half decades, our Club has been honored to work alongside BGCA in serving the youth of our community. The resources, support, and guidance provided by United Way have been instrumental in helping us fulfill our mission.

As we move forward in a new direction, our commitment to serving the young people of Los Fresnos remains unwavering. We look forward to continuing our work in the community with the same passion and purpose that has guided us throughout our history under <u>Los Fresnos Educational & Recreation</u> Club.

Sincerely,

**Executive Director** 

Los Fresnos Educational & Recreation Club