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The Honorable Kendra Kenyon
Chair
Board of Ada County Commissioners
200 W. Front Street
Boise, ID 83702

Dear Chair Kenyon:

On December 17, 2019 the Meridian City Council adopted Resolution No. 19-2179, approving a new Comprehensive Plan ("Plan") for the City. Adoption of the Plan culminates the City's nearly two-year long planning effort for lands within our Area of City Impact. This process involved thousands of stakeholders and, in our opinion, the new Plan represents the consensus of the participants. This Plan not only establishes a new vision for the City and implementing policies, it also reflects our ultimate planning boundary. We respectfully request County consideration and adoption of the City's new Plan and associated vision for the future.

As part of Plan development, the City evaluated our existing and proposed Area of City Impact as it relates to trade areas, natural features and geographic factors, compliance with COMPASS' Communities in Motion Plan, as well as other technical, economic and financial analysis. With the adoption of the new Plan, there are a list of City amendments that require recognition and adoption by the County in accordance with our Title 9 Agreement, Ada County Code (ACC) 9-4-5, Renegotiation. As directed by County staff, we have put together the requested documentation for you to process these requests and proceed with amendments to Title 9 of ACC. The City believes the information provided within this letter and attached provides justification and assurances that the City can and will provide urban-level services to all properties within our planning area.

The official request is to amend ACC 9-4-1A2 and ACC 9-4-3A, recognizing Meridian's amended City Impact Boundary and our new Plan. The other, associated Title 9 requested change is to ACC 9-4-4C1. We request that all hearing-level applications, not just planned developments, subdivisions and rezones, on properties that are contiguous to City limits be processed by Meridian.

In addition to the few changes to Title 9 listed above, there are some sections of Title 8 of Ada County Code we are also requesting you amend. These changes are related to the orderly growth and development of Meridian and the development standards of the County. The City is seeking changes to the way future sewer and water corridors are preserved; provisions for future multi-use pathways and streetlights; and additional improvements in commercial areas like parking lots and street buffers. When amended, these changes to Title 8 should make a seamless transition from County development to City. The City is not proposing detailed language for these changes

currently. Rather, we wish to work with County staff on appropriate verbiage as these changes can be addressed as part of your current effort to update your development code.

We look forward to working with you and your staff in moving the matter of Title 9 changes to completion and working to advance changes to Title 8. If you should need any additional information or would like to hold a joint meeting between the Board of County Commissioners and City Council to discuss, please let us know. Thank you in advance for your consideration and favorable action of our request.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Simison
Mayor

cc: Ada County Commissioners
Meridian City Councilmembers
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Richard Beck, Ada County Development Services Interim Deputy Director
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Attachments