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Dear Ms. Librecz:

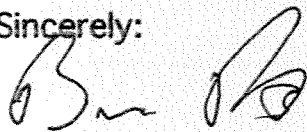
Re: Ward 6 Skateboard Facility

Since the City's decision not to locate a regional skateboard facility in Col. Sam Smith Park we have been expecting your department to begin a new site search and have been looking forward to participating co-operatively in such a process. We hope that you will shortly be making a decision about the site selection process for a skateboard facility in Ward 6 and setting a new schedule for construction. We would like you to consider the following points in your deliberations.

1. When a skateboard facility was first suggested by local groups in the Lakeshore it was to be local facility and not the regional one that the City eventually proposed. We do not believe that for the \$500,000 allocated it is possible to construct the kind of facility that last year's plans described. A more modest facility will be easier to site and could be designed to meet the needs of our skateboarders.
2. We recognize that there is unlikely to be unanimity about whatever site is selected. However we believe that if the selection process is transparent and if the community is involved in the selection of criteria and their evaluation that it will be possible to locate a facility in Ward 6 that will be supported by the majority of residents.
3. We realize that to site and construct a facility in this budget year will now be difficult but we urge you to begin the process as soon as possible to maintain the community's confidence in Council's commitment to providing skateboard facilities.
4. We suggest that the City's Public Consultation Office be asked to lead the consultation process. We are confident that their procedures


and guidelines will ensure sufficient community involvement to pave the way for acceptance of this project.

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