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Linda Murken, Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors
Story County Board of Supervisors
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Mayor John Haila and Members of the Ames City Council
City of Ames
515 Clark Avenue
Ames, IA 50010

RE: Ames Urban Fringe Amendment – Areas of Primary Importance to the City of Gilbert

Dear Board of Supervisors, Mayor Haila and Council Members,

The Gilbert City Council appreciates the opportunity to work with the City of Ames and Story County Supervisors to amend the Ames Urban Fringe Plan. The AUFPP has been an essential resource for cooperation among our entities and we wish to see this achievement continue into the future.

During a staff meeting with Story County and the City of Ames on September 22, 2020 a request was made to establish areas of primary importance for each entity. The Gilbert City Council has reviewed the current AUFPP with the Planning Commission and have determined some areas of primary importance. These areas include:

1. Agricultural buffer zone between 180th and 190th. Maintaining an agricultural separation between the two communities would help to sustain the unique characteristics of each city.
2. As the county stated in their letter; we agree providing guidance to land owners and developers about the expectations in Urban Services Areas where rural water is located and the city requirements regarding full urban city services is important.

3. Looking forward it would be practical to support goals and policies for requiring public lands with accessible park spaces and recreational areas. In particular planning of recreational areas in rural developments where future bike paths may be able to connect.
4. With growth having the potential to impact other communities and areas, we believe it is important to invite the City of Kelley and Boone County to become members of the AUPP.
5. Rural subdivisions create new areas of service for fire protection. Review of access points by the responding department would be beneficial in providing emergency response in a timely and efficient manner should it ever be needed.

We look forward to working with the City of Ames, Story County and possibly the City of Kelley and Boone County to create an amendment with a positive impact on land development for all involved for many years to come. Thank you for supporting an extension to allow all entities the time necessary to create a realistic and impactful plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathan Popp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Jonathan Popp, Mayor
City of Gilbert