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John A.Haila, Mayor  
City of Ames

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Dear Mr. Halia,

My name is Dallas Sauser, I am a resident of Ames and I am a future voter as I am 17 years old. I moved to Ames two years ago and have loved this city since I moved in. There is so much to do in town and I have been able to find so many cool places that this town has to offer. One thing I love doing specifically is playing basketball. I played all of my life and recently stopped playing organized basketball. In my free time now, I enjoy going to play basketball with my friends at city hall. While I do enjoy playing all of the time, I always feel surprised that there is no better or nicer place to play basketball. I have moved many times and I used to live in Iowa City where there are multiple very nice recreation centers in the area where I could play basketball. When I moved to Ames I was shocked to find out that the old gym I was playing in was the Ames community center. For a town of this size, I feel it is time that we upgrade or build a new community center that has more space and is also newer so that so many residents of Ames could enjoy it. Are there any ideas in the works to build a new community center like this that would include a place with a gym for various activities?

Thank you for all you do for our city, Dallas Sauser

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