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Dear Grove City YMCA Members,

The YMCA of Central Ohio has been proud to serve the Grove City community for more than 20 years. Since 2003, our YMCA has welcomed five generations of residents, establishing itself as a cornerstone for connection, health, and growth. Over that time, the YMCA has reinvested more than \$3.9 million into Grove City to ensure that all residents have access to YMCA programs and services by securing grants and raising funds through the annual campaign. Of the total 16,600 Grove City Y members, 7,400 currently live in Grove City. That equates to 1 in 6 residents. 300 children are enrolled in our before- and after-school care programs across South-Western City Schools.

Recently, [the Columbus Dispatch reported](#) that the City of Grove City City Council and Administration shared updates on their exploration of a new community recreation center. According to the article, the City anticipates spending taxpayer dollars to build an estimated \$97-\$102 million center and will consider adding to the city's future income tax to subsidize approximately \$1.5 million in operating costs each year.

The Grove City YMCA is the community recreation center, and the City of Grove City should partner with the Y to plan and expand to better serve the community as a partner-operated Grove City Community Center YMCA. We were encouraged to see the Grove City YMCA site ranked #2 among possible locations, which we believe is a recognition of the Y's positive impact and a signal of real opportunity for deeper partnership.

Since 2016 and again 2019, we have strongly advocated for a **City & YMCA partnership** that ensures:

- **Continuity** for families and seniors who count on the Y for programs, child care, and community.
- **Stewardship of resources**, stretching taxpayer dollars further through a joint venture instead of duplicating efforts and competing with a non-profit community business.
- **Shared expertise** in facility planning, program development, staffing, and operations, building on the YMCA's proven track record.
- **Community voice**, as independent polling shows, Grove City taxpayers overwhelmingly prefer a joint City & YMCA venture over a City-owned and operated facility.

We have been attending the open public meetings. This week, we again shared these points with the City Council in a letter, urging them to collaborate with us on a shared vision for a new or expanded Grove City Community Center YMCA. You can read that letter here [insert link to posted letter or PDF].

Our promise to you is simple: the YMCA is here to stay, and we remain committed to investing in Grove City so that every resident has access to the programs, services, and spaces that help them thrive.

Thank you for being part of the Grove City YMCA family. Together, we can ensure a bright future for our community.

Sincerely,

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