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Oregon City Planning Department  
Oregon City, OR 97045

RE: proposed new construction at Oregon City Christian Church

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to communicate our support for the future construction plans for a new gym currently under review for Oregon City Christian Church, 1179 South End Rd., Oregon City.

We are long-time residents of Oregon City and have been active attendees and participants at OCCC for the past six years. My husband and I are excited about the plans for the construction of a gym on the property. We embrace the values of OCCC to not only serve the youth of the congregation, but to also provide a new gym space that can be utilized by the Oregon City community in general.

We are the parents of three children who played sports for Oregon City Schools as well as through the community education youth programs. We heard many stories from coaches that gym space for teams was a sought-after resource in the community – there just wasn't enough space for all the teams seeking a venue to practice and hold games. Often younger aged teams had to practice at a later in the evening time than was ideal for their age group due to lack of space.

We believe that the new gym space will be a great resource for the whole community, and we ask that you approve the construction plans to bring this hoped-for resource to reality!

Sincerely,



Richard & Dawn Kassebaum

# Oregon City MOPS



October 2019

Oregon City Planning Department  
698 Warner Parrott Road  
Oregon City, OR 97045

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to inform you of our relationship & experience with Oregon City Christian Church. Before we can share our experience with OCC, we'd like to share a bit about who we are and where we came from.

Our group is Oregon City MOPS (Mothers Of Pre-Schoolers) and we were started in 2016 by Courtney Goodwin who was at the time the Women's Ministry Leader at Oregon City Evangelical Church (OCEC). After being housed at OCEC for 2 years, we found ourselves in need of a new home. As we discussed our options here in Oregon City, we felt led to investigate Oregon City Christian Church. After meeting with Pastor Swatman, connecting with other staff and elders, getting a tour of the facility and researching their mission in our community, we knew this would be a great fit for our group!

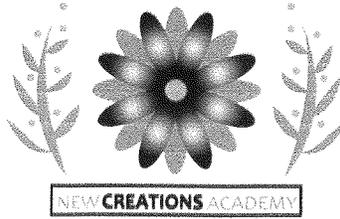
It was clear that OCC's heart is to reach out in our community and be able to offer space and time for groups like ours to minister to local needs. One of those local needs is dealing with postpartum depression (PPD). PPD affects 1 in 9 women and can have long lasting effects on not only the woman experiencing it, but also on her partner's mental health as well as the development of her child. While MOPS is much more diverse than one issue such as PPD, our group *is* committed to reaching out to mamas in our community and offering support in those critical first weeks/months of postpartum and continuing that support through the next few years prior to kiddos going off to school. Without an adequate place to meet, we aren't able to do that.

During the past year-and-a-half we have worked with the staff in transitioning our group and building a new childcare program for our Thursday morning meetings. While the staff has been outstanding in working with us, their building has provided a few limitations. Although our group is relatively young, we continue to have a waiting list each year due to physical space restrictions - we simply don't have room for more mamas or kiddos to join us. *This is part of why we are so excited about the possibility of OCC expanding their facilities!* Not only would this allow the congregation to grow and house their own programs, but it would allow other community programs like MOPS to grow as well.

We would like to recommend that Oregon City Christian be granted the proper permits and requests in order to make this expansion possible!

Sincerely,

Oregon City MOPS



October 23, 2019

Planning Department  
Oregon City, OR

Ladies & Gentlemen:

I'm writing on behalf of Oregon City Christian Church in reference to their OneMore Gym Building Project. A few months ago, we approached Oregon City Christian because their facility is centrally-located, well-maintained, and positively beautiful. Our hope was to offer fine arts training for Oregon City children and their parents, and to find space that was of sufficient size, and low enough in cost that we could get started.

Oregon City Christian welcomed us and made it possible for us to begin, and include students for whom family budgets would otherwise restrict their artistic training. We are growing and they are extremely helpful in our growth. They have been generous with their lovely building, encouraged us, supported our efforts, and made our students and families feel comfortable.

As a group from the community that uses space in their current facility, we whole-heartedly endorse their goals. Like everything Oregon City Christian does, this building project will surely be conducted with the benefit of the community in mind. We expect it will yield additional space and a beautiful resource ready to accommodate the needs of many community groups and organizations.

We hope to continue meeting at Oregon City Christian for many more months, allowing us to continue teaching fine arts to children and their parents. The new facility will surely provide further opportunities for our students to develop their artistic skill, and benefit the community.

Sincerely,

Gia Gallegos  
Operations Manager  
New Creations Academy