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Dear Ms. Marshall,

I have been reading articles recently regarding the Boulder South Annexation Project and the Flood Mitigation efforts and feel readers should understand the impact that not acting to approve this project will have on the residents living at the Frasier Life Plan Community, let alone all the Boulder residents - which include many other older adults - living in the Frasier Meadows neighborhood located adjacent to Foothills Parkway.

We believe that this plan provides hope that Frasier would once again be free from fear of another flood like the one experienced in 2013.

Frasier has listened to the City of Boulder staff updates on the progress of the annexation of CU South to achieve flood mitigation, local resident testimonies, as well as residents who lived at Frasier during the flood. There are many of our independent residents that are making their voices heard on this subject, but as a community that also cares for a very vulnerable population of skilled nursing/long-term (54 nursing care beds), and assisted living and memory support residents (38 residences), along with independent residents in 298 residential apartments - all totaling nearly 500 seniors on our campus alone - we feel obligated to speak out in support of moving this project forward.

Long-time Boulder residents may remember that Frasier had to evacuate - at night with no power in as much as four feet of water - close to 100 of our most frail residents for their safety and wellbeing. After the flood, in some cases, residents had to be re-located from their Frasier homes as we recovered from the devastation that impacted our campus. We never want to experience that again, but parts of Frasier remain in the flood zone today. While Frasier invested \$2.3 million dollars to build a flood wall on the campus, it alone would not protect Frasier from a similar flood situation. Having the flood berm will be the ultimate protection Frasier and the surrounding neighbor needs to protect life and property damage.

Based on this, Frasier supports the annexation and the negotiations that have advanced between the City and CU. Frasier believes the staff timeline for completion of the project by 2026 is critical to the safety of Frasier and the surrounding neighborhoods.

Frasier has been in the South Boulder area for more than 60 years. It was not in a flood zone at the time it was built, but that has since changed due to growth that Boulder has experienced since 1960. We believe the eight years of planning since the Flood of 2013, in addition to the flood planning the City did *prior* to 2013, has provided a thoughtful process and comprehensive plan. We hope for positive support from local officials.

Sincerely,

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