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Christine Thompson
Paducah McCracken County Senior Center
1400 HC Mathis Drive
Paducah, KY 42001

RE: Status of the Facility

Dear Ms. Thompson,

Both WPSD and the Paducah Sun brought it to my attention yesterday afternoon that you may be under the impression that the future of your tenant status in the City Facility located at 1400 HC Mathis Drive is in jeopardy. I wanted to let you know in writing that this is not the case. Your organization is a valued community partner and the services you provide not only to our residents but also senior citizens in Western Kentucky are greatly appreciated.

The City of Paducah is always looking to improve, grow, and "be the best city in the world". As we were developing our plans to construct a community wellness center, we discussed the inclusion of the Senior Center in some prospective tenant space on the 2nd floor. This would have provided access to our seniors and your members to the aquatic amenities such as the warm water therapy pool and multiple wellness related activities that would include low-impact water aerobics. After our discussion with you and some of your Board members it was apparent to the City that this facility would not be able to meet two of your core critical services. The wellness center would not have a kitchen and dining area large enough to support the meals and wheels program and the daily meals you provide. However, during that same meeting, we discussed our goal to make sure your members still have access to the facility even if your "home" would not be there.

The City has no current plans that would compel the Senior Center to leave your current home.

Thanks again for being a great community partner. I sincerely appreciate you!

James W. Arndt, City Manager
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