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Hello Fellow Cherry Hills Farm Residents,

Subject: Ballot Measure 300 and Quincy Farm

Hi, I'm writing to you as a concerned resident and neighbor. The issue concerning me is Ballot Measure 300, about Quincy Farm. I am voting NO and I encourage you to, also. At its simplest level, in my opinion, it is an attempt to restrict use of a wonderful space to all residents and drive up the costs of managing the property. This proposal serves the interests of a few, self-interested parties at the expense of all the rest. You can take my word for that or read on for more background.

As you may know, over a decade ago, a generous resident, the late Catherine Anderson, donated a 17.5 acre parcel of land (on Quincy, just east of Kent), called Quincy Farm, to the City of Cherry Hills Village (City). Generous is an understatement, we all can relate to what 17.5 acres in CHV is worth. This gesture is similar to her and her brother's earlier decision to donate the 110 acre Huber family estate in New Jersey to Monmouth County, now named Huber Woods Park. A wonderful video eight-minute of Catherine herself talking about this gift may be found on YouTube (Search: "CHLP A Gift of Land" or go to link on Cherry Hills Land Preserve website, QuincyFarm.org), if you are interested in learning more background on this gift directly from the donor (rather than those who claim to speak for her).

Unfortunately, there has been a Ballot Measure 300 placed on our November 5 ballot. It seeks to do three things with Quincy Farm (QF):

- Limit resident's access to the majority of the property
- Force the City to preserve every structure, with pretty close to zero justification in terms of future purpose, cost rehabilitate/maintain.
- Provide rights for residents to enforce these measures

None of this is surprising, since Ballot Measure 300 is being sponsored by a handful of NIMBY residents surrounding Quincy Farm. Afterall, why share QF with residents even though that's what the former owner/donor wanted? Another sponsor is Natalie Anderson, step-granddaughter of Catherine Anderson. Catherine could have willed the property or her, but chose to donate it for the benefit of CHV residents instead. The registered agent for the sponsor's committee is former CHV Mayor, Russell Stewart. While in office, Mayor Stewart, proposed that the City give QF to Natalie Anderson because it would be too great a financial

burden on CHV. His proposal was voted down unanimously by the CHV City Council, who prioritized the interests of residents.

You may see their campaign material, which among other things, includes a document sent to residents looking like an official “Voter’s Guide”. It was not produced by CHV or any other government agency (see City website, <https://www.cherryhillsvillage.com/153/Election-Information>). It is just campaign propaganda and an attempt to fool residents. Similarly, the content includes a series of misrepresentations and distortions, also designed to fool residents into voting for this measure. For example, there are allegations that the City has violated the Conservation Easement on QF. The City is a responsible steward. If it were not responsible, Colorado Open Lands (COL), holder of the Conservation Easement on QF, has the right to sue CHV for enforcement. No enforcement action has been taken by COL beyond periodic suggestions, let alone COL prevailing in any litigation. The allegation has no fact behind it – at best, it is an opinion, at worst misrepresentation.

Don’t be fooled! Ballot Measure 300 would:

- Restrict resident access to the majority of the property
- Require the City to spend unlimited tax-payer dollars on buildings which may have no use
- Create chaos, distraction and expensive litigation at tax-payer expense by permitting residents to attempt to enforce whatever their interpretation of requirements may be. Colorado Open Lands has already been granted enforcement rights in the Conservation Easement signed by Catherine Anderson.

Support for NO on 300:

- The CHV City Council unanimously passed a resolution on September 17, urging a “No” vote on 300 – it is on the City’s website.
- There is a committee including a variety of former and current CHV Council Members and Mayors urging no on 300 (for a list go to: trailsopenspace.com)
- There are hundreds of supporters, and growing every day, also listed on trailsopenspace.com
- ...and you can feel free to contact myself or any of the Committee Members and Supporters if you have further questions.

Thank you for your interest and time to read this.

Sincerely, Randy Weil