August 15, 2016

City of Broken Arrow Planning Commission 220 S First Street Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Re:

Indian Springs Elementary Property Comprehensive Plan Change/Rezoning

8800 S Fawnwood Court, Broken Arrow, OK 74011

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of Broken Arrow Public Schools we are requesting the Planning Commission approve our application to change the Comprehensive Plan designation from Public/Semi-Public Level 1 to Commercial Neighborhood District Level 3. A PUD and rezoning of the district property will also be required and applications will follow within a couple weeks.

Since 1972 the property has served the district as Indian Springs Elementary until vacating the property three years ago. Based on its location and lack of acreage it no longer can serve our students or district needs.

Although we have attempted to find possible buyers for the property we have not found anyone who is interested based on the property's classification. As it stands we are limited to a municipality or another educational provider. Since the city has stated no interest and we have no educational organizations interested in purchasing the property, we are pursuing these changes to improve the marketability of the property.

By granting this change, we believe this will enable the district to sell the property which will provide the opportunity to repurpose those proceeds for the benefit of our students and community through additional facility upgrades and/or projects.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Derek Blackburn

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