GRAND JUNCTION DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DDA RESOLUTION NO. 2023-02

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CITY BALLOT MEASURE 1A.

RECITALS:

On December 21, 2022, the Grand Junction City Council approved Resolution 99-22 which forwarded a \$70 million bond measure and 0.14% sales and use tax increase to the April 4, 2023 municipal election ballot. The measure, 1A, proposes the following:

If the tax increase and the \$70 million bond are approved, the City will build an 83,000 square foot indoor recreation center at Matchett Park (the Center). In addition to the sales and use tax increase the Center will be funded in part by tax revenue from cannabis sales.

When constructed the Center will provide extensive indoor aquatics including a water slide, leisure pool, lap pool, therapy pool, and hot tub. The Center will offer opportunities for indoor fitness and recreation with three courts/gymnasiums, walking/jogging track and a climbing wall. The Center will offer community meeting and leisure spaces and a child watch.

Although the Center is not in the Downtown, the Grand Junction Downtown Development Authority Board supports measure1A because the Center will be an asset to the City and the surrounding community, and in turn help to enhance and sustain a positive quality of life in Grand Junction. It is undeniable that positive social and recreational opportunities contribute to a more stable and economically prosperous and vibrant community.

For these reasons, among many others, the Board of the Grand Junction Downtown Development Authority concludes that investment in the Center is an investment in our future. That investment is best accomplished at this time by passage of measure 1A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

The Grand Junction Downtown Development Authority declares its support for ballot measure 1A and urges all qualified voters to **VOTE YES** on question 1A in the April election.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 9th day of February 2023.

Cole F. Hanson, Chair of the Board

Grand Junction Downtown Development Authority

ATTEST:

Vonda Bauer

Secretary to the Board