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### **Dear Ms. Taylor:**

I am writing on behalf of the Intergenerational Day Center (IDC) Advisory Group. After careful consideration, our group has decided to decline the opportunity to implement an IDC pilot at the Dove Springs Recreation Center. Currently, for several reasons, the Dove Springs location will not allow us to actualize our IDC vision faithfully and/or collect meaningful pilot data.

First, there are no preschool children, and very few older adults, participating in programming at Dove Springs. Those are our target age groups for an IDC pilot. Second, although some school-aged children engage in afternoon activities at Dove Springs, opportunities for older adults are scheduled during morning hours—making intergenerational activities difficult to plan and implement. Intergenerational programming is an essential component of an IDC. Third, at Dove Springs, we would be unable to make physical changes to the space to accommodate best practice guidelines for IDCs, including having separate spaces designed specifically for each of our target age groups. Finally, due to the small numbers of people (of all ages) participating in programming at Dove Springs, we would not have the sample sizes needed to conduct meaningful empirical studies of any pilot programming we might provide.

Although we appreciate the opportunity, currently, the Dove Springs Recreation Center is not a good fit for an IDC pilot at this time. We envision that a Dove Springs IDC option has great potential in the future. However, establishing a high-quality program involves locating a property that best fits the IDC model. We're looking forward to collaborating with you and the City of Austin to implement a full-scale, high-quality IDC pilot at the Nash Hernandez site.

Sincerely,



**Amy Bryan**