



July 25, 2024

Dear Sir or Madam:

Simply put, I am writing today to share our excitement in Arvada: we couldn't be more **THRILLED** to be part of the "Denver Team" that is vying to host the Gay Games XIII 2030.

We understand an opportunity to be part of an event of this magnitude rarely comes along. When Visit Arvada and the Apex Park and Recreation District were contacted by the Denver Gay Games organizers, we knew we could be instrumental in ensuring Denver was selected as the host city. If Denver is ultimately awarded the Games in 2030, we will work closely with the organizers to offer the Arvada Aquatics Center, the Stenger Sports Complex and the Harold D. Lutz Complex to the Games; we hope to exceed expectations of all attendees.

In Arvada, we take immense pride in providing exceptional venues and facilities for our residents; we also understand all of the positives that come with showcasing our community to a much wider – and in this case, international – audience such as the 2030 Gay Games attendees. Of course, there will be an economic benefit to Arvada, but it goes much further than that for us. Arvada is community that boasts a rich history, and we love sharing that history (as well as our current offerings!) with as many people as we can. We understand the importance of creating a connection with new guests to our community whenever possible.

We will welcome the 2030 Gay Games attendees with open arms and do our best to make each person feel celebrated. Our city is connected to downtown Denver's Union Station via the RTD G Line commuter rail (so easy, so safe, and so FUN to ride!) and whether or not a participant's specific sport is being hosted in our community, we hope to see ALL attendees explore our amazing city during their time in Colorado.

In appreciation of your consideration-

Jean Gordon
Director, Visit Arvada