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Prevention Management Organization (PMO) of Wyoming

Lisa Patterson, CPP

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Dear Lisa,

Please accept this letter as demonstration of collaboration between the City of Douglas and the PMO. Together we have worked on several projects, including the following:

1. **Rewrite of Douglas Municipal Code, Title 5.16 – Alcohol:** In 2014, the City Council appointed an ad hoc committee tasked with rewriting this section of our municipal code. The committee included members of Council, the Wyoming Liquor Division, local license holders, and city staff. Ordinance 970, which was adopted in October, 2015, combined over a year's worth of discussion, ideas, and hard work into a comprehensive document that benefits both the City and the local liquor licenses holders. This document may prove useful to other communities as well. We now use "Progressive Penalty" ideology vs. a point system or similar structure in order to allow Council to have a wide range of options for both penalties and recognition of best practices while encouraging a dialogue between the City (as the local licensing authority) and the liquor license holders. Your assistance and ideas during this process were very valuable to the process and the final document.
2. **Special Event Toolkit:** It has been extremely helpful for the City to be able to refer liquor licensees to you so they can utilize the Special Event Toolkit provided by the Wyoming Liquor Division. A number of the licensees have put this toolkit to use at events that they hold, and we have gotten great reports back from both the licensees and the Douglas Police Department pertaining to the proven deterrence of underage drinking because of the use of ID scanners. There have

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even been arrests and the confiscation of fake IDs. At the 2015 Wyoming State Fair, the instances of underage drinking was zero; the comments received included, "When they know the ID scanner is being used, they don't even try."

- 3. Distribution of Training CDs to Liquor Licensees:** Another positive item this year were "Wyoming Liquor Awareness" CDs provided to each licensee free of charge by the Wyoming Liquor Division. You were extremely helpful in this instance as you ensured each licensee received a copy of the CD.
- 4. Alternative Event for Youth:** The alternative event held for kids and their families on New Year's Eve was an outstanding and fun project, and I am glad I was able to volunteer and see what all was offered. The completely free event was a major undertaking for you and offered a multitude of activities for kids, including laser tag, three types of bouncy houses, a Black Jack tournament, free food and drinks all night, and amazing door prizes. Kids won hats, T-shirts, Amazon and I-tune gift cards, food and drink gift cards, Kindle Fires, a television, a laptop, and more. There were even three local bands who took turns performing all night. The event was secure with lots of volunteers to help, and everyone had a great time. Although I am not sure how many people attended, I do know that this New Year's Eve was mostly uneventful for our Police Department. It was a safe weekend, and that is wonderful. You should be very proud of the result of all your hard work!

These are all of the major projects that we have worked on together. I look forward to continued collaborations with you and the PMO in the future, and I appreciate the fact that you are always willing to assist the City however you can.

Best regards,



Karen Rimmer, City Clerk

CC: Tony Tolstedt, City Administrator

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