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Re: 2020 US Olympic Trials - Track & Field

Gentlemen,

We appreciate the call with your team yesterday afternoon. As I mentioned, this letter is written to notify you of USATF's decision, in conjunction with its Board of Directors, to no longer permit the 2020 US Olympic Trials - Track & Field (the "2020 Trials") to be hosted at Mt. San Antonio College ("Mt. SAC"). This decision is not made lightly and has been communicated to the USOC and our broadcast partner. For practically eight months, we have stressed that USATF and the USOC are interested in only one thing - that Mt. SAC will be ready in ample time to successfully host the 2020 Olympic Trials - Track & Field ("2020 Trials"). There is no room for error - our athletes, sponsors and broadcast partners are relying on this premise. USATF likewise relied on this premise when it awarded Mt. SAC the 2020 Trials. Based on what we have learned throughout this process, Mt. SAC is not able

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to provide assurances for a timely completion of the entire project to date. Time is of the essence.

In August 2017, two months after USATF awarded the 2020 Trials to Mt. SAC during its June 2017 board meeting, USATF first learned of two lawsuits related to construction of its new Hilmer Lodge Stadium (the “Stadium”): One, between the City of Walnut and Mt. SAC and a second, between United Walnut Taxpayers, a group of local citizens and Mt. SAC. USATF was disappointed to learn these material developments were omitted from the bid documents and your presentation to the board (or in any subsequent discussions following notification of the award). That said, USATF began monitoring the progress of these disputes, communicating with your team about USATF’s (and our major stakeholders) concerns with respect to the lawsuits and their impact on Mt. SAC’s ability to construct the Stadium on schedule to properly host the 2020 Trials.

On October 27, 2018, we sent a formal letter to Mt. SAC requiring Mt. SAC to respond with a timeline for construction of the Stadium and for guarantees that it would be complete on schedule. Mt. SAC president William Scroggins did not provide the guarantees sought, but instead replied with a general timeline and general assurances that the Stadium would be complete on schedule.

Over the next few months, the disputes between (i) the City of Walnut and Mt. SAC and (ii) United Walnut Taxpayers and Mt. SAC, continued to escalate. As a result, USATF sent a large contingent of personnel and representatives of our key stakeholders to Los Angeles, Walnut and Mt. SAC on April 11, 2018, to attend hearings and other meetings seeking closure and assurances of a critical path forward with respect to Stadium completion, which for this project also includes adherence to strict operational plans necessary for a successful event, in the early summer of 2020.

To our disappointment, the proceedings from the April 11, 2018 hearing in Los Angeles between the United Walnut Taxpayers and Mt. SAC related to use of bond funds to construct the Stadium did not end in final resolution. In fact, despite the judge’s ruling on the motion for injunction, this dispute



is ongoing and the parties agreed on a January 14, 2019 trial date. To this end, Mt. SAC has not provided USATF with any support that it has adequate funding to timely complete the Stadium absent access to those bond funds. Thus, jeopardizing the operational planning schedule required for an event of this magnitude. Although the City of Walnut and Mt. SAC settled their lawsuit on April 12, 2018, USATF is also concerned that further suits may be forthcoming if past behavior related to the Stadium build continues. The risk is too great with the clock ticking on the completion date.

From the outset, USATF has detrimentally relied on representations from Mt. SAC regarding its ability to host the 2020 Trials, our premier event. Despite repeated demands from USATF for certain assurances from Mt. SAC throughout this process (since learning of the lawsuits), USATF is not secure with the efforts taken to date by Mt. SAC regarding the 2020 Trials. Clearly, issues still persist regarding Mt. SAC's ability to timely complete construction of the Stadium on schedule and host a first-class competition commensurate with the level of an Olympic Trials for our athletes.

For most, if not all, of the athletes competing, the 2020 Trials is the most important meet of their lives, and they deserve the opportunity to compete in front of a stadium filled with enthusiastic fans and the commercial support of the entire Southern California community. Based on the facts known to USATF, it seems improbable that Mt. SAC can deliver for 2020. We must move forward in a different direction while time remains to take corrective action.

Sincerely,

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