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Brentwood City Commission:

The United States Tennis Association (USTA) is the national governing body for tennis in the United States. A not-for-profit organization with more than 600,000 members, it invests 100% of its proceeds to promote and develop the growth of tennis, from the grassroots to the professional levels. The association was created to standardize rules and regulations and to promote and develop the growth of tennis in the United States.

As part of our mission to grow the game of tennis, we collaborate with community partners to help bring tennis and tennis facilities to the community. The YMCA (Maryland Farms) has been that community tennis facility by delivering tennis to the Brentwood community for over 20 years, and to thousands of people annually. The loss of this "tennis hub" will be felt by the Brentwood tennis community and the USTA for many years to come.

While the USTA cannot "resuscitate" the YMCA, we can and do offer support to Brentwood tennis community and are writing this letter of recommendation to the Brentwood City Commission for the request of; 1) Improving the current Park and Recreation tennis facilities to offer immediate increased availability through the building of a "bubble" on current courts so that tennis can be played year round and in inclement weather. 2) Looking into a longer-term solution to help increase the number of overall tennis courts available to the community.

Please accept this as an endorsement, by the USTA, to Brentwood City Commission on behalf Garry Latimer, Roger Greenup and the Brentwood tennis community.

Sincerely,

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