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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Sarah, and I am a resident living on the north side of El Paso County. I am writing to express my strong support for the approval of the new masjid and Islamic center.

As a local Muslim resident, this project directly impacts my ability to practice my faith. Because the current masjid is located so far across town, my husband and I are stranded up here on the north side with no reasonable way to attend Friday prayers or community services. Having a local place of worship closer to where we live would mean everything to us and many other local families who currently lack access.

I also want to speak candidly about the objections being raised regarding traffic and noise: If a church were being built on this exact same lot, no one would be picketing on Woodmen Road or filing complaints about traffic and noise. Churches are built throughout our neighborhoods all the time, and weekly services are accepted as a normal part of community life. The opposition this project faces is not about zoning or traffic—it is solely because it is a mosque.

Under the law, every religious group has the same constitutional right to build and worship on land they lawfully own, provided they meet county regulations. The Islamic Society of Colorado Springs has followed all necessary rules, conducted traffic studies, and committed to all local noise ordinances.

Applying a double standard to a Muslim house of worship is fundamentally unfair and contrary to the principles of religious freedom. I urge the Board of Commissioners to uphold the law fairly, reject selective prejudice, and approve this project without delay.

Sincerely,
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