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To: [Brayan Marin](#)
Subject: A better Place crematory CUP
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 11:36:58 AM

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Adams County Commissioner
Brayan Marin
4430 Adams County parkway
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Dear Brayan Marin—

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed expansion of A Better Place Funeral Home, which includes the addition of a crematorium.

As both a resident and a business owner in Adams County, I am deeply invested in the well-being and progress of our community.

There has been a campaign of misinformation regarding the environmental impact of modern crematoriums. It is crucial to address these concerns with facts: modern cremation technology is designed to operate cleanly and efficiently, emitting minimal pollutants. The equipment used in contemporary crematoriums adheres to stringent environmental standards, ensuring that it does not release harmful smoke or pollutants into the atmosphere.

Approving this expansion would not jeopardize the air quality or the health of our residents. Furthermore, the spread of unfounded fears and misinformation has been detrimental to the reputation of A Better Place Funeral Home. This family-owned business has served our community with dedication and compassion for many years, providing affordable and respectful end-of-life services.

The refusal to approve their expansion not only affects the livelihood of those directly involved with the business but also impacts the residents of Adams County who rely on its services.

I urge the Council to consider the facts and approve the expansion plans for A Better Place Funeral Home.

This decision is vital for maintaining affordable and essential services within our diverse community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Charles D. Martinez III

From: [Morgan McWilliams](#)
To: [Brayan Marin](#)
Subject: A Better Place Funeral & Cremation - Letter of Character
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 1:26:15 PM

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July 23, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to wholeheartedly recommend Jennifer Connell and A Better Place Funeral & Cremation Services based in Denver, Colorado. As a second-generation Funeral Professional with over seven years of Owner and Management experience, along with a robust background in Funeral Service and Embalming, I have had the privilege of interacting closely with numerous professionals in the deathcare industry.

I hold an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Funeral Service, complemented by Certificates of Competency in Embalming and Funeral Service Education. In addition, I also hold a Certificate as a CANA Crematory Operator (COCP). My role as an Embalmer and Product Specialist with a leading Funeral supplies company has afforded me extensive opportunities to collaborate and connect with funeral home owners and embalmers nationwide.

I first met Jennifer Connell in 2022 under poignant circumstances when she sought assistance for the highest level of care and funeral shipping of her friend from my community in Southwest Florida. From the outset, Jennifer impressed me with her unwavering commitment to service and genuine compassion for those in need. Her dedication was exemplified when she personally flew in from out of state to oversee the final arrangements, ensuring every detail was handled with utmost care and respect. This level of dedication and professionalism is rare and speaks volumes about Jennifer's character.

Since our initial encounter, Jennifer and I have maintained a meaningful professional relationship, consistently exchanging insights and best practices within the funeral profession. Her proactive approach to learning and willingness to share knowledge have further reinforced my admiration for her expertise and integrity.

I consider it a privilege to count Jennifer Connell as both a friend and a respected colleague. Without reservation, I would entrust Jennifer and her team at A Better Place Funeral & Cremation Services with the care of my own family members. Their commitment to excellence and unwavering professionalism make them stand out in the funeral service industry.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly endorse Jennifer Connell and A Better Place Funeral & Cremation Services. Their dedication to providing compassionate care and their unparalleled professionalism make them an exceptional choice for anyone seeking funeral and cremation services in the Denver area.

Respectfully,

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To: [Brayan Marin](#)
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A Better Place Funeral & Cremation Service,

I am writing to you today to express my unwavering support for the essential services you provide to our community. During the most challenging times of loss and grief, A Better Place has stood as a beacon of compassion and support that many of us have come to rely on.

The recent discussions and deliberations concerning the ongoing operation of your establishment have prompted me to voice just how crucial A Better Place is to the fabric of our community. Your dedication to offering low-cost funeral and cremation services is not only commendable but also a testament to the empathy and understanding that sets you apart. For many families, your services have provided solace in knowing that their loved ones will be treated with dignity and respect, without the burden of excessive costs.

It is service like yours that upholds the values of our neighborhood – values that foster care, community, and support for one another in times of need. I have personally witnessed the professionalism and kindness that you extend to those who are mourning, and it is this personal touch that makes A Better Place not only a service but a pillar of comfort for many.

Furthermore, I believe that A Better Place Funeral & Cremation Service fills a vital need by being sensitive to the financial concerns that can accompany personal loss. You allow individuals to focus on what truly matters - honoring the memory of their loved ones - without the added stress of unaffordable expenses.

I am confident that I speak for many within our community when I say that the continuance of A Better Place is in the best interest of us all. Your establishment provides more than services; it offers a compassionate hand in the darkest of times, and for that, you have my deepest respect and gratitude.

Please accept this letter as a statement of my support, reflecting the high regard many of us have for A Better Place Funeral & Cremation Service. I stand with you in the hope that you will be allowed to continue your heartfelt work for the betterment of our community.

Sincerely,

Brad Curtis

From: [Shelleen Salazar-Figueroa](#)
To: [Brayan Marin](#); [Staff A Better Place](#)
Subject: A Better Place Funeral and Cremation home.
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 8:10:48 PM

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of A Better Place Funeral and Cremation home.

I highly recommend their service, I had to plan two funerals at once and the financial burden with my loved one's deaths was relieved when working with A Better Place Funeral and Cremation home.

Jennifer worked hard to help us provide a beautiful service for both that was affordable. Unfortunately I've planned several funerals in my family and her place made this the easiest.

I've become very fond of this funeral home to the point that I have instructed in my own will for this business to take care of my funeral arrangements, they did a beautiful job on my family.

I highly recommend them if you want affordable options and a place where you know your loved one isn't going into multiple hands. I believe that by Jennifer having the ability to keep all things in one location and being able to handle the care of our loved ones from A-to-Z really helps cut down cost and time.

Jennifer's location was perfect for us to get to. We were able to host a gathering to view our loved ones in an area that is not crowded by lots of people, but was very comfortable.

Jennifer had a lot of detailed work to do in order to help make my family presentable but she was so diligent, she kept in contact with me every step of the way, she was honest and even brought in extra staff with specialized techniques to help her.

I recently referred a friend over to the funeral home to have her brother cremated, I felt this was the perfect place for my friend because it was affordable and it being at one location

where her brother could be taken care of with the same staff was valuable.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me. My contact information is listed above.

Respectfully,

Shelleen Salazar-Figueroa

July 17, 2024

Adams County Planning & Development Department
4430 South Adams County Parkway
Brighton, CO 80601-8216

To Whom It May Concern:

In May of 2022, we received ABP Investments' request for an Impact Analysis regarding the potential funeral home/mortuary/crematorium on the property at 7261 Washington St., Denver, CO 80229.

The primary purpose of a school district impact analysis is to determine whether or not the District has the ability and infrastructure to absorb any potential increase in student enrollment, and whether or not the development will have any impact on school district operations, such as transportation of students. The proposed development appears to be commercial/light industrial and likely poses negligible impact to our operations.

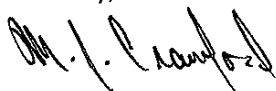
However, Mapleton Public Schools also works closely with families and community partners on efforts to ensure our part of the metro area is as safe, healthy, and supportive of student development as possible. To that end, we pay close attention to potentially helpful or harmful effects any proposed development may have on student learning.

With that said, it has come to our attention that there are currently at least **three** other crematoriums within a few blocks of 7261 Washington Street: Kramer Family Funeral & Cremation Center, Stork-Bullock Family Mortuary, as well as Colorado Mortuary Services. The students and families of Welby lack many services commonly available in other neighborhoods, but they do not lack access to a crematorium. Many other services would better meet the needs of the neighborhood.

Further, significant information is available online regarding the harmful air pollutants generated by corpse cremation. We strongly encourage Adams County to seek input from the Health Department and/or other experts to determine if a fourth crematorium within such a small footprint is safe for the the students and families living in our school district.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Mike Crawford
Superintendent of Schools

Re: A Better Place Crematory CUP

Brad Breeding <drumz4life5280@gmail.com>

Tue 7/23/2024 8:16 AM

To: Brayan Marin <BMarin@adcogov.org>

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Hello,

Jennifer and her staff at "A Better Place" are absolute gems. She was the one and only person I called when my wife lost her father. She not only was fair and affordable, but she was compassionate and very attentive to my wife's needs at the time. As I recall, she was out on a trip with her staff, and still took the time to personally take our calls and coordinate with us. When she returned to town, she was calling us personally from the airport to say she was back and forming a plan.

I should say that I have known Jennifer since middle school, and she has always had a huge heart, and done whatever she can to help friends and strangers alike. If there was ever a small business that would benefit the community by being allowed more efficiency and bandwidth to help those who have lost loved ones, A Better Place has my vote. To stand against her business at this time is to stand against those that need a cost effective funeral service provider. And with all the mental health and addiction issues plaguing our state due to poor policy and leadership by those governing, problems would be compounded by poor leadership if her ability to increase efficiency and help more people at lower average costs.

Thank you for your time,

Bradley Breeding

From: [SHERRY LAWSON](#)
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Subject: Crematory Response
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 6:56:21 PM

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July 22, 2024

Mr. Brayan Marin,

I oppose a permit for the "A Better Place" crematorium at 7261 Washington street in Adams County, Colorado.

What type of cremation is to be utilized flame-based or aquamation (liquid cremation)?

The pollutants from the flame-based style are concerning. There are air pollutants such as nitrogen oxides, mercury, carbon monoxide, and particulate matter that emanate into the air. Over a period of time these pollutants harm health, environment, and cause property damage.

The EPA does not regulate crematory emissions. The funeral industry and their lobbyists have fought against any regulations under the Clean Air Act.

Being downwind is a farce also. There are odors emanating from Purina all the way here at times. When the refinery eliminates their waste product at night it comes through the homes evaporate coolers and when you are outside. Vehicle pollution permeates the air during the day and evening. Living in city suburbs has its issues, but do we need to add to it?

The EPA does not regulate crematory emissions. The funeral industry and their lobbyists have fought against any regulations for especially mercury by having it removed from being regulated under the Clean Air Act.

The odor is atrocious. The particulates that land everywhere is an issue also.

Thank You,

Sherry B. Lawson

From: [Mike Crawford](#)
To: [Brayan Marin](#)
Subject: RCU2020-00029 Perez-Morales
Date: Friday, July 19, 2024 4:49:31 PM
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Hello:

I am writing to provide a school district perspective on an additional crematorium near Washinton Street and 73th Avenue. We have previously submitted an impact analysis for this project, but I am updating and resubmitting our letter now, since another hearing has been scheduled. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Mike Crawford

Superintendent of Schools

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Mapleton Public Schools

Achieve Your Dreams

From: [Rebecca Trujillo](#)
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Subject: RE: A Better Place Crematory CUP
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 9:50:33 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Rebecca Trujillo and I have had the absolute pleasure of working with Jennifer from A Better Place. I just want to start by saying just how genuine and caring of a woman she is. We found Jennifer at the most vulnerable time in our lives when we lost my sister. Other mortuaries were so expensive and unfortunately we were not able to afford much. My sister's death was so unexpected and my family and I did not have money to afford services from the other mortuaries. For the price we paid through A Better Place, we received the most stellar services. Jennifer truly cares for those who have passed and believes in providing well deserved funeral services. If A Better Place is forced out of the property they occupy, they will be forced to raise their prices quite significantly which would in turn hinder our ability as well as other people in our community, to afford such services. Everyone deserves a proper service to honor their life. It is so important to our community that we have A Better Place. I have done research regarding water cremations and found so many environmental benefits as well as other practical benefits. According to research backed by science, I discovered that the type of cremations A Better Place performs, have less emissions than cars. Cremation over burial saves on land space which is what Denver and the surrounding areas need considering the recent developments. I ask that you really take into consideration what A Better Place stands for in the community and how they are able to really help struggling families to send their loved ones off with some class and dignity with affordable prices. There is more at stake here than what the intentions for this new development are. I encourage you to take a look at this from all lenses. Make the best honest and rational decision that is better for the people that have been here for generations, our community.

Thank you for your time,
Rebecca Trujillo

From: [Terrilyn Pugnetti](#)
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Subject: Welby Crematorium
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

With this letter we would like to urge you NOT to approve the permit for a crematorium to be implemented in or near the site of Boyer's Coffee and Washington Ave. We are concerned neighbors that live on E. 76th Avenue.

We were very concerned about the trash company building a facility near us, and it got approved despite our anxiety. We are grateful, however, that it did turn out better than we had anticipated (no odors, allergies, critters, etc.).

We continue to have concern for our community and property values as this crematorium will have a negative impact on all of us.

This is a residential area (Welby) that residents are proud of and pull together to support! Many of these families have lived here for more than 30 years! I would strongly urge the crematorium to look into a more industrial location for their business.

Thank you for for time and consideration,
- Terrilyn Pugnetti

Sent from Terrilyn's Phone

From: [Dana](#)
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Hello Brayan,

I'm writing concerning the proposed crematorium on Washington St. near the old Boyers Coffee. There is absolutely no reason a crematorium should operate within miles of any residence. The air pollutants caused by cremation are known to have adverse health effects on humans and the environment. We live here and exposure to these pollutants should not be forced on us for one business's profit. This is not okay & I hope you'll seriously consider my family and my neighbors' health in your decision process.

I won't be able to make the meeting on Thursday, but I'm happy to speak further about this and put additional efforts wherever possible to prevent this crematorium from polluting our neighborhood.

With Great Concern,
Dana Templeman
393-335-8420

Sent from my iPhone