

# CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

To whom it may concern:

Connected Communities, a Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF) initiative, is a bold vision for Indianapolis' next chapter in connecting people to place, people to opportunity, and people to people through world-class bicycle and multi-modal infrastructure.

Recently, I was briefed by the SOK Sports group about their vision and intent to bring professional rugby to Indianapolis through the revitalization of Kuntz Stadium. Kuntz Stadium is adjacent to multiple community assets such as Riverside Park, 16Tech, IU Indianapolis, IU Health's new campus and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Additionally, it sits at the intersection of several key greenways and trails including the White River Trail, Riverside Promenade, and nearby Fall Creek Trail. A revitalized Kuntz would help reinforce these connections and begin to close a critical gap between the Riverside Promenade and the White River Trail.

The investment into Kuntz Stadium and the addition of professional rugby would propel the growing sports district in the near westside of Indianapolis which includes the Urban Wilderness Trail and cross country arena. This potential redevelopment offers connection to multiple communities and reinforces the use of sports, fitness, and well-being as a driver in community and economic development. We support this important community initiative.

Sincerely,



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