## ATSU A.T. Still University

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City of Mesa Planning Division 55 N. Center Street Mesa, Arizona 85201

Councilmember Julie Spilsbury:

This letter is to express my support for the Millennium Superstition Springs multifamily community that is being proposed at the northwest corner of Baseline and Recker Roads.

Our campus is located adjacent to the proposed residential project, and we would welcome their joining the surrounding academic healthcare university community. The existing gathering of health and education entities form a surrounding community that includes, Mesa's Ross Farnsworth East Valley YMCA, Steward Emergency Center's mini-hospital, Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital of the East Valley, Wesley Community Health Center's Mesa clinic and A.T. Still University.

A.T. Still University is an established, non-profit, national, graduate health professions university, renown for educating healers that address the needs of the nation's under-served communities. A.T. Still University's Mesa presence includes a medical school (School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona); a dental school (Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health, including its large community, special needs, and orthodontic clinics); the College of Graduate Health Studies (offering degree programs for health care leaders); and the Arizona School of Health Sciences (with degree programs in Athletic Training, Audiology, Occupational Therapy, Physician Assistant studies, Physical Therapy, and Speech Language Therapy.)

A.T. Still University began working with the City of Mesa to attract an academic community prior to opening of its Mesa presence in 2001. Academic healthcare communities best thrive when there are proximal places to learn, share ideas, exercise, live, eat and practice. We believe that Millennium Superstition Springs would be a great addition to Mesa's academic healthcare university community, and plan on providing input for decisions around density, traffic, aesthetics, and campus fit.

We ask that you also support the Millennium Superstition Springs multifamily project because we believe it will enhance our campus, benefit our students, contribute to the academic healthcare community, and continue the City of Mesa's tradition of being an incredible place to live, work and play.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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