



Dear Jenna Harris and the Denver Parks and Recreation team,

I am **Travis Lee**, the **CoFounder** of **Outrun Parkour**. **We are a parkour gym in Fort Collins with a large student base, of all ages.**

I am writing in support of **Outrun Parkour's** for the preservation and repurposing of the fountain in Block 2 of Skyline Park. Colorado is known for having one of the largest and most vibrant parkour communities in the world. This particular site is internationally recognized and has been an important cultural landmark and community gathering place for the global parkour and natural movement community. Our team follows the original architects work closely. In our brand new facility we even incorporated fountain design elements into our construction.

COVID-19 has shown the world how important public space and equity of access to recreation is to the health of our communities. Unlike other athletic sports and physical practices, parkour does not require specialized gear, teams, or practice fees. The community teaches each other online and practices in our found public spaces, such as Skyline Park. Parkour-inspired parks and their supporting parkour groups across the world provide free fitness and community, bridging the gap and ensuring everyone has a way to play. The reality of parkour is not kids jumping on buildings, but people methodically, carefully, and playfully working to improve their movement and physical health.

Furthermore, **Outrun** supports the broader initiative of establishing parkour-inspired parks and adult-friendly play spaces in the City of Denver. These types of play spaces have been utilized in other cities to provide cost-free fitness opportunities that serve kids, teens, and adults in one cost effective design and public space. While parkour is the design inspiration, these parks are multi-functional and appeal to a larger community of active lifestyles including rock climbing, calisthenics, bootcamps, and general outdoor fitness.

Many of Outrun's clients and staff have visited the park and its structures for play. In doing so they stimulate the local economy with Fort Collins dollars being spent around the park.

We ask for Denver Parks and Recreation to coordinate with the parkour community regarding the renovation of Skyline Park to preserve and adapt the fountain in Block 2 to meet the community's needs and to make parkour widely accessible to the people of Denver.

Please reach out if there is any further support I can provide,

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