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Mr. Brian Babcock, President
Utah Soccer Federation

Mr. Bryan Attridge, CEO
Utah Soccer Federation

Ms. Carly Brown, Director of Operations & Finance
Utah Soccer Federation

RE: Region 2 Director, USF Board of Directors

Dear Brian, Bryan, and Carly:

I write regarding being nominated by the Utah Soccer Federation (USF) to stand for reelection to the USF Board of Directors as the Region 2 Director. I am honored to be considered for and nominated once again to this position.

I am eligible to continue serving as a USF Director and will share a bit more about my relevant experience and what I would like to accomplish during the time I serve. My intent is for this letter to provide you with all the information required in the USF Bylaws to accept this nomination, including "a nomination sheet, resume, and written acceptance of their nomination." If there is something more that you need me to do to accept this nomination, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Eligibility to Serve

I am eligible to continue serving as the Region 2 Director based on meeting the following requirements:

1. I reside in Utah.
2. I reside within the Region 2 boundaries.
3. I do not hold another director position within the USF.
4. I am not a USF employee.
5. I have never been convicted of a felony.
6. I have never been convicted of a sex crime or a crime involved the abuse of a child.

Acceptance of the Nomination

I hereby accept the nomination and state that I am willing to continue serving if elected by my colleagues in Region 2.

Relevant Experience / Resume

I am confident that my education, professional experience, service on the boards of other non-profit organizations, and soccer experience, which I will briefly summarize below, has prepared me to continue serving on the USF Board and to make a meaningful contribution to its important work.

I graduated from law school in 1997 and for the past approximately 29 years have focused my law practice on helping companies and individuals with routine and complex legal matters related to U.S. immigration and nationality law. I am a shareholder with the law firm of Dentons Durham Jones Pinegar, P.C., where I also direct the firm's Immigration Law Practice Group, which consists of a team of 7 legal professionals including attorneys, paralegals, and a legal assistant.

I currently serve on the boards of USF, the Utah Bar Foundation, and the United Way of Northern Utah, and recently completed serving as the chairman of the boards of the Utah Bar Foundation and the United Way of Northern Utah. For the last approximately 18 years, I have served as the chairman of the Board of Trustees of the North View Fire District, which is an elected position. I have served as the mayor of Pleasant View City, as well as on its city council, planning commission, and board of adjustments. I have also served on the board of the Ogden-Weber Chamber of Commerce, including as its chairman.

In approximately 1999, I became a "Soccer Dad" and have enjoyed the unforgettable experience of sitting on the sidelines watching and cheering on all four of my children (Celeste, Joe, Hannah, and Charlie) as they have actively participated in soccer in recreation, UYSA competition, high school, the Development Academy, NCAA Division 1, and even playing soccer tennis in our driveway. I also have had the pleasure of being a "Soccer Husband" and supporting my wife Heidi as she has coached and been involved in youth soccer over the past 24+ years.

But in addition to being a Soccer Dad and Husband, I have been actively involved since approximately 2010 in helping to promote, develop, and administer youth soccer in Utah. As a board member, president, and chairman, I have helped grow the La Roca Futbol Club into the successful youth soccer organization that it is today. I have also actively participated in the important work of USF, serving for the past four years as the Region 2 Director on the USF Board, several years on its Adjudications Committee as the Protest & Appeals Chair, and for a few years as the chair of its Region 2 Legacy Fields Committee.

I look forward to continuing to share my unique perspective and background with the USF Board and the Region 2 Organizational Members, and I am committed to helping USF and its members continue growing the sport of soccer throughout Utah.

My Vision and Goals

The vision that would continue guiding my service in USF would be to help build the sport of soccer in Region 2 and throughout Utah by promoting soccer for life and ensuring that everyone who wants to play soccer has a place and opportunity to do so. As you know, since being elected to the Board, I have worked tirelessly with other members of the USF staff and Board to finalize USF's agreement to acquire the Utah Soccer Association, which was no easy task and required delicate negotiations and sensitivity to a number of important issues on both sides of that transaction. By all accounts, the soccer community and its future in Utah is even stronger because of this important merger.

I see additional opportunities for me to continue pursuing this vision in three very important ways.

First, I would continue helping USF to continue elevating the corporate compliance and professionalism of all the organizations that are under its umbrella, which now include the adult teams from the Utah Soccer Association and other adult soccer organizations. I have observed that many soccer organizations focus so much on what happens on the soccer pitch that they often neglect the importance of what they do off the pitch, often because they just do not have time. Making sure their organizations comply with federal, state, and local laws and follow industry "Best Practices" will help ensure that they have a strong organization that can continue doing those things that matter most, which are on the soccer field. There is so much that USF can do to promote elevating the professionalism, compliance, and "Best Practices" of its member organizations and I would help USF continue doing this.

Second, I see many opportunities to continue building unity and mutual respect among soccer organizations in Region 2 and throughout Utah. I am committed to doing everything I can to help promote that unity and mutual respect. Although USF's member organizations will continue to compete tirelessly against each other in what is a very competitive environment, that does not mean that we cannot work together to help build soccer and to elevate the level and quality of soccer in our region and state by finding common ground and helping strengthen each other's

organizations. What we can build and are building together is so much bigger and better than what any of us could build alone. We need each other and we need each other to be as strong as we possibly can be.

Third, I would continue helping build legacy soccer-related facilities that increase capacity and improve access for all who wish to participate in this amazing sport. Communities across the country are recognizing the value of such facilities, not only for providing places for their residents to play and recreate, but also as important tools for community and economic development and tourism. USF has played and will continue playing an indispensable role in bringing together key stakeholders and their resources to develop regional and local soccer facilities that will help grow the game of soccer and our respective communities. As someone who is familiar with and connected to many of those key stakeholders, I see opportunities to help USF continue leading in the development of these important resources.

But I also recognize that the Legacy Fields initiative has not yet proven to be a successful or viable model. Although I am committed to doing all I can to help this initiative succeed, I acknowledge that there are many USF member organizations that have expressed opposition to the initiative continuing and are demanding that it either be discontinued or revamped in ways that will make it viable. I am committed to better understanding those concerns and giving them serious consideration and even representation as we continue evaluating the future of this initiative. I am grateful to those who have shared their strong concerns and will do my best to further consider and give voice to those concerns in my role as a member of the USF Board.

Conclusion

Thank you for the honor of nominating me to continue serving as the Region 2 Director on the USF Board. I accept that nomination and look forward to continuing to serve if elected.

If you require any additional information or documentation, please contact me at your earliest convenience. Anyone who sees this letter is also welcome to contact me and discuss my candidacy to be re-elected as the Region 2 Director to the USF Board.

Warmest regards,



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cc: Region 2, Member Organizations