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City of Colorado Springs

To Whom it may concern,

My name is Sarita Lewis. I am a licensed child care provider in El Paso County. I currently hold my Early Childhood Directors Certificate and have been licensed since 2012. In 2016, I received my large permit for my large license at my previous residence and am wanting to do the same at my current one. I am writing to you to request a change in my current child care license at 4444 Zircon Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80938 from a regular permit to a large permit. If approved it will allow me to obtain my large childcare license from the State of Colorado and to better serve our community as we are currently in a child care crisis.

I currently reside in a new residential area near Marksheffel Rd and N Carefree Cir. Our neighborhood community; Enclaves at Mountain Vista, is currently adding more homes and is only expanding. They will soon begin a project that will open Barnes Rd up east of Marksheffel. With more homes being built, expansion of city streets, School District 49 will also be building a new school in the area, which will draw the attention of people in our community. The new dwellings as well as new school, will allow a convenience to those who are seeking quality child care services. My hours of operation are Monday through Friday 7:30am - 4:30pm, no weekends or federal holidays. My house is located next to a trail in the community which also provides ample parking with staggered drop offs and pick ups.

To continue, I do regular ongoing training to ensure I remain in compliance and up to date with all the changes occurring in the Early Childhood community. As a smaller program, I continue to maintain a clean facility to limit exposure of illnesses, to include, throughout the pandemic. With the demand for childcare in my area, I believe I will be able to better serve families for the zip code area I reside in, but also surrounding areas. As a State licensed Child care provider, I work closely with many affiliations throughout Colorado. I accept CCAP which is an income based program through El Paso County, but also accept Child Care Aware; a program that helps serve military personnel and DoD employees.

Last, if approved for a large daycare permit; my program will be a great benefit in our community. To provide exceptional child care, a clean home, and safe home for those who are seeking a quality child care program.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sarita Lewis -Owner/Director