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## **PHOENIX-TALENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COLVER PROPERTY ANNEXED TO CITY LIMITS**

The Talent City Council unanimously approved annexing the Phoenix-Talent School District's Colver Road property into Talent's city limits. The decision was made at the rescheduled April 24, 2024 regular council meeting at the Talent Community Center.

Superintendent Brent Barry and several community members and groups spoke in support of the ordinance. The proposed development includes baseball/softball fields, Little League fields, soccer fields, a multi-purpose field, and facilities for the Boys and Girls Club and Talent Elementary's Outdoor Discovery Program.

Mayor Darby Ayers-Flood praised the district's commitment to transparency throughout the process.

Construction details are yet to be determined. For more information regarding the planned development at 6100 Colver Road, contact the Phoenix-Talent School District at (541) 535-1517 or email Communications Specialist Joe Zavala at [joe.zavala@phoenix.k12.or.us](mailto:joe.zavala@phoenix.k12.or.us).

### **Attachments:**

- Phoenix-Talent School District Press Release

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# PHOENIX-TALENT SCHOOLS

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TALENT – The Talent City Council unanimously approved to annex the Phoenix-Talent School District's Colver Road property into Talent's city limits on Wednesday at the Talent Community Center as the district cleared a major hurdle in its effort to develop the land.

PTS superintendent Brent Barry, Phoenix High boys soccer coach Chris Gallegos, four Phoenix High School soccer players and PTS community care specialist Katie McCormick, among others, spoke to the council in support of the ordinance before the vote. The ordinance carried with 6-0 approval.

"We've had many exciting times in our district over the last several years and I think this is one of them as well," Barry told the council.

A Colver Fields Master Plan document created by ZCS Engineering Architecture and presented to stakeholders last fall included concept renderings of the site at 6100 Colver Road that featured a baseball/softball field, three new Little League fields, two soccer fields and a multi-purpose field in addition to existing baseball and softball fields. It also showcased buildings for the Boys and Girls Club and Talent Elementary's Outdoor Discovery Program.

What the developed land will include and when construction will begin are details yet to be determined, but the students on hand Wednesday told the council that adding soccer facilities at the site would be a major win for the district's renowned soccer program.

"There's been so many kids that I've interacted with, I've got to know that are amazing players," PHS sophomore Ahvin Olsen said, "and they have a great future ahead of them and I believe that putting in turf fields at Colver would help progress their skills even more and make a great impact in their lives."

PHS freshman Luis Rodriguez agreed.

"Just hearing about the opportunity these fields have to expand and grow, it just makes me happy," he said.

Following the approval, Talent Mayor Darby Ayers-Flood credited Barry and the rest of the district for its "dedication to transparency" concerning the effort to annex the property.

"It is a demonstration of your commitment to your community the way that you proceeded to secure an understanding of the best use of that property and its ability to serve our community in the future," she said. "By inviting us to join you at a joint session where we got to learn of the great work that you're doing on the environmental front was the generosity that we have come to expect from the school district and we really are grateful for that.

"Also, for informing the families the way you did – it's just so impressive and such a commentary of the great leadership that's at the school district."