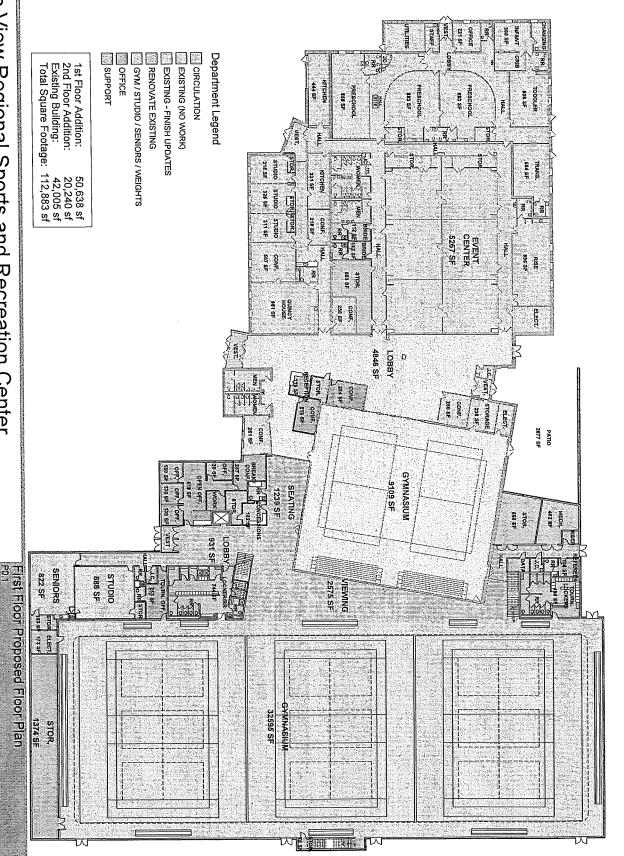
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## **Community Center Expansion Project**

## Youth Amateur Sports and Recreation Venue

The City of Mounds View is seeking \$16.5 million in state bonding funds in order to expand our existing Community Center into a regional amateur sporting and recreational venue. The 72,000 sq. ft. expansion adds three full size gymnasiums, accompanying locker rooms, fitness center, meeting rooms, a concession area, and accompanying storage and required restrooms.

The current center consists of a single gymnasium, event center, and rental space for Rise Inc. (nonprofit focused on challenged adults), and a private day care. As part of the expansion the entrance/reception area would be upgraded/re-freshened as it was built in 1991.

Council has been "exploring" the expansion for 18 months starting with a market analysis completed by CSL (Consumer Sports Limited) stating the Center would be economical feasible. Kodet Architects was retained to develop concept plans, and Kraus Anderson has provided construction estimate costs. The City also contracted with Morris Leatherman to obtain resident input. In total, the city has currently invested over \$120,000 to ensure project viability. The city will also be seeking sales tax authority in combination with local bonding if needed.

Demand for indoor athletic/recreation space continues to grow as volleyball and basketball continues to gain in popularity as does pickle ball and numerous recreation activities (camps). With boys' volleyball likely to become a MSHSL sanctioned sport, the demand will only continue. The increase in Charter Schools is also fueling demand as they look for venues to host athletic events as well. Twin City Gateway – our local Convention & Visitor Bureau, has also advised the demand for regional tournament space is high and there is no current venue in our area.

Mounds View sits at the crossroads of two interstate highways, 10 and 35W making us easily accessible; along with a significant number of lodging and dining facilities in close proximity.

Expansion of the Community Center will drive economic investments along our Mounds View Boulevard/Ramsey County 10 corridor creating additional jobs and opportunities. It is estimated that 2-3 additional full time staff will be needed to manage the center and events as well as a significant number of part time positions.

## **Community Profile:**

Mounds View has 13,800 residents of which 31% are people of color. The city encompasses four square miles, is served by ISD 621 Mounds View School District and is home to Cardiac Rhythm Division of Medtronic.