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Dear Lawrence Friends:

The members of the Recreation Council have compiled a list of clubs and individuals whose support, both in money and sympathetic interest, has been ours for the past six years, and are mailing to you an urgent plea to support the recreation levy at the polls on April second.

The requested authorization is for a maximum of one mill. Just how large or how small a portion of the mill will be needed each year will be determined by the five-member recreation commission appointed by the school and city officials. The important thing to us, however, is that the financial burden of providing for an adequate recreation program in Lawrence should be divided according to the ability to pay among all the taxpayers in the school district, and not borne by a relatively few civic minded organizations and individuals as has been true in a large measure in the past.

The expanded program so urgently needed can not be carried efficiently by our volunteer group which has functioned during the past six years. The sound but limited program we have been able to plan and supervise is not adequate with our larger population and increased need for constructive leisure-time activities. The need is for a full-time paid director and trained staff and facilities and equipment for their use. We have funds in reserve which will carry us through the coming summer months and until receipts from the proposed levy will be available January 1, 1947. That you will cast your ballots for the recreation levy on April second is the hope of

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