



**DATE:** February 3, 2025

**TO:** Sara Knizhnik, Chair  
Operation Committee

Gina Roberts, Chair  
Finance Committee

**FROM:** Ronald J. Davis  
Director of Public Safety

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Five-Year Contract for the lease of Axon Taser 10s and Related Components to Axon Enterprise, Inc. in the amount of \$106,920.00 amortized over five years.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION:** Organizational Sustainability

**FINANCIAL DATA:** This expense was approved as part of the FY2025 Budget, with the first year's cost being charged to the State Forfeiture Fund line item for Machinery & Tools (23504100-806000). The total budgeted amount for FY2025 is \$24,000.00. The actual cost of the contract is \$106,920.00 amortized over five years (\$21,384.00/year).

**BACKGROUND:** Tasers are essential in providing District Public Safety officers with a non-lethal tool for managing high-risk situations, while minimizing the potential for injury or fatality. Tasers offer a safer alternative to firearms, allowing officers to incapacitate suspects at a distance and reducing the likelihood of escalation in confrontational encounters. By equipping law enforcement officers with tasers, Public Safety staff will have improved ability to respond to situations with greater control, helping to protect both officers and the public. Additionally, tasers help uphold the principle of proportional use of force, ensuring that officers have a range of options to handle varying levels of threat.

Staff determined that Axon Taser 10s are suitable for District law enforcement purposes and are available under the Sourcwell Contract 101223-AXN with Axon Enterprise, Inc. The recommended contract will provide for the lease of Axon Taser 10s and related components for a five-year term.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Manager of Board Operations and Corporate Counsel.



**LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.  
FOR THE LEASE OF AXON TASER 10s AND RELATED COMPONENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) desires to lease Axon Taser 10s and related components, or approved equivalents (collectively, the “Equipment”); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Illinois Governmental Joint Purchasing Act, 30 ILCS 525/1, et seq., any governmental unit may purchase personal property, supplies, and services jointly with one or more other governmental units if one of the governmental units has publicly advertised for, and received, competitive, sealed bids or proposals, and has awarded a contract for such personal property, supplies, and services to the lowest responsible bidder or the highest ranking proposer, all in accordance with such Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Sourcewell has publicly advertised for, and received, competitive proposals for the Equipment, including a proposal by Axon Enterprise, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, Sourcewell has awarded contract #092722-AXN to Axon Enterprise, Inc. as the highest-ranking proposer for the Equipment (the “Sourcewell Contract”), and the Sourcewell Contract provides that other units of local government may also enter into a contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. on the same terms as provided in the Sourcewell Contract; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the District to award a contract for lease of the Equipment for a five-year term to Axon Enterprise, Inc. on the same terms as provided in the Sourcewell Contract (the “Contract”) in a total price equal to \$106,920.00 (the “Contract Price”);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District, Lake County, Illinois, **THAT**:

**Section 1. Recitals.** The recitals set forth above are incorporated as a part of this Resolution by this reference.

**Section 2. Award of Contract.** The proposal submitted by Axon Enterprise, Inc., in the total amount of the Contract Price is hereby accepted, and the Contract is hereby awarded to Axon Enterprise, Inc.

**Section 3. Execution of Contract.** The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc., in the amount of the Contract Price.

**Section 4. Payments.** The District Treasurer shall make payments under the Contract only pursuant to and in accordance with the Contract terms.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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Jessica Vealitzek, President  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

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Julie Gragnani, Secretary  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. \_\_\_\_\_



**Axon Enterprise, Inc.**  
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 Scottsdale, Arizona 85255  
 United States  
 VAT: 86-0741227  
 Domestic: (800) 978-2737  
 International: +1.800.978.2737

Q-593446-45660.721MM

Issued: 01/03/2025

Quote Expiration: 02/15/2025

Estimated Contract Start Date: 05/15/2025

Account Number: 558558

Payment Terms: N30

Delivery Method:

SHIP TO	BILL TO
Lake County Forest District Police - IL 19808 W Grand Ave Lake Villa, IL 60046-7519 USA	Lake County Forest District Police - IL 19808 W Grand Ave Lake Villa IL 60046-7519 USA Email:

SALES REPRESENTATIVE	PRIMARY CONTACT
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**Quote Summary**

Program Length	60 Months
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$106,920.00</b>
<b>ESTIMATED TOTAL W/ TAX</b>	<b>\$106,920.00</b>

**Discount Summary**

Average Savings Per Year	\$5,461.85
<b>TOTAL SAVINGS</b>	<b>\$27,309.25</b>

**Payment Summary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>Tax</b>	<b>Total</b>
Apr 2025	\$21,384.00	\$0.00	\$21,384.00
Apr 2026	\$21,384.00	\$0.00	\$21,384.00
Apr 2027	\$21,384.00	\$0.00	\$21,384.00
Apr 2028	\$21,384.00	\$0.00	\$21,384.00
Apr 2029	\$21,384.00	\$0.00	\$21,384.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$106,920.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$106,920.00</b>

Quote Unbundled Price: \$134,229.25  
 Quote List Price: \$109,821.25  
 Quote Subtotal: \$106,920.00

**Pricing**

*All deliverables are detailed in Delivery Schedules section lower in proposal*

Item	Description	Qty	Term	Unbundled	List Price	Net Price	Subtotal	Tax	Total
<b>Program</b>									
C00010	BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	15	60	\$98.72	\$81.24	\$81.24	\$73,116.00	\$0.00	\$73,116.00
C00013	BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION ADD-ON	20	60	\$35.40	\$28.17	\$28.17	\$33,804.00	\$0.00	\$33,804.00
<b>A la Carte Hardware</b>									
20186	AXON TASER - HOLSTER MOLLE ADAPTER - SAFARILAND W/MLS16 FORK	15			\$26.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>A la Carte Services</b>									
101208	AXON TASER 10 - 2 DAY INSTRUCTOR COURSE - INSIDE SALES	1			\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>							<b>\$106,920.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$106,920.00</b>

**Delivery Schedule**

**Hardware**

Bundle	Item	Description	QTY	Shipping Location	Estimated Delivery Date
A la Carte	20186	AXON TASER - HOLSTER MOLLE ADAPTER - SAFARILAND W/MLS16 FORK	15	1	04/15/2025
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	100390	AXON TASER 10 - HANDLE - YELLOW CLASS 3R	15	2	05/15/2025
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	100393	AXON TASER 10 - MAGAZINE - LIVE DUTY BLACK	15	1	05/15/2025
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	100394	AXON TASER 10 - MAGAZINE - HALT TRAINING BLUE	4	1	05/15/2025
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	100395	AXON TASER 10 - MAGAZINE - LIVE TRAINING PURPLE	3	1	05/15/2025
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	100396	AXON TASER 10 - MAGAZINE - INERT RED	15	1	05/15/2025
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	100399	AXON TASER 10 - CARTRIDGE - LIVE	300	1	05/15/2025
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	100400	AXON TASER 10 - CARTRIDGE - HALT	90	1	05/15/2025
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	100401	AXON TASER 10 - CARTRIDGE - INERT	150	1	05/15/2025
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	100611	AXON TASER 10 - SAFARILAND HOLSTER - RH	11	1	05/15/2025
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	100613	AXON TASER 10 - SAFARILAND HOLSTER - LH	4	1	05/15/2025
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	100623	AXON TASER - TRAINING - ENHANCED HALT SUIT V2	1	1	05/15/2025
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	20018	AXON TASER - BATTERY PACK - TACTICAL	15	1	05/15/2025
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	20018	AXON TASER - BATTERY PACK - TACTICAL	3	1	05/15/2025
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	70033	AXON - DOCK WALL MOUNT - BRACKET ASSY	1	1	05/15/2025
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	71019	AXON BODY - DOCK POWERCORD - NORTH AMERICA	1	1	05/15/2025
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	74200	AXON TASER - DOCK - SIX BAY PLUS CORE	1	1	05/15/2025
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	80087	AXON TASER - TARGET - CONDUCTIVE PROFESSIONAL RUGGEDIZED	1	1	05/15/2025
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	80090	AXON TASER - TARGET FRAME - PROFESSIONAL 27.5 IN X 75 IN	1	1	05/15/2025
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION ADD-ON	100399	AXON TASER 10 - CARTRIDGE - LIVE	200	1	05/15/2025

## Hardware

Bundle	Item	Description	QTY	Shipping Location	Estimated Delivery Date
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION ADD-ON	100400	AXON TASER 10 - CARTRIDGE - HALT	120	1	05/15/2025
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION ADD-ON	80087	AXON TASER - TARGET - CONDUCTIVE PROFESSIONAL RUGGEDIZED	1	1	05/15/2025
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION ADD-ON	80090	AXON TASER - TARGET FRAME - PROFESSIONAL 27.5 IN X 75 IN	1	1	05/15/2025
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	100399	AXON TASER 10 - CARTRIDGE - LIVE	50	1	05/15/2026
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	100400	AXON TASER 10 - CARTRIDGE - HALT	120	1	05/15/2026
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION ADD-ON	100399	AXON TASER 10 - CARTRIDGE - LIVE	60	1	05/15/2026
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION ADD-ON	100400	AXON TASER 10 - CARTRIDGE - HALT	160	1	05/15/2026
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	100399	AXON TASER 10 - CARTRIDGE - LIVE	40	1	05/15/2027
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	100400	AXON TASER 10 - CARTRIDGE - HALT	120	1	05/15/2027
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION ADD-ON	100399	AXON TASER 10 - CARTRIDGE - LIVE	60	1	05/15/2027
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION ADD-ON	100400	AXON TASER 10 - CARTRIDGE - HALT	160	1	05/15/2027
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	100399	AXON TASER 10 - CARTRIDGE - LIVE	50	1	05/15/2028
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	100400	AXON TASER 10 - CARTRIDGE - HALT	120	1	05/15/2028
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION ADD-ON	100399	AXON TASER 10 - CARTRIDGE - LIVE	60	1	05/15/2028
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION ADD-ON	100400	AXON TASER 10 - CARTRIDGE - HALT	160	1	05/15/2028
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	100399	AXON TASER 10 - CARTRIDGE - LIVE	40	1	05/15/2029
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	100400	AXON TASER 10 - CARTRIDGE - HALT	120	1	05/15/2029
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION ADD-ON	100399	AXON TASER 10 - CARTRIDGE - LIVE	60	1	05/15/2029
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION ADD-ON	100400	AXON TASER 10 - CARTRIDGE - HALT	160	1	05/15/2029

## Software

Bundle	Item	Description	QTY	Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	101180	AXON TASER - DATA SCIENCE PROGRAM	15	05/15/2025	05/14/2030
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	20248	AXON TASER - EVIDENCE.COM LICENSE	15	05/15/2025	05/14/2030
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	20248	AXON TASER - EVIDENCE.COM LICENSE	1	05/15/2025	05/14/2030
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION ADD-ON	101180	AXON TASER - DATA SCIENCE PROGRAM	20	05/15/2025	05/14/2030
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION ADD-ON	20248	AXON TASER - EVIDENCE.COM LICENSE	20	05/15/2025	05/14/2030

## Services

Bundle	Item	Description	QTY
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	100751	AXON TASER 10 - REPLACEMENT ACCESS PROGRAM - DUTY CARTRIDGE	15
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	101193	AXON TASER - ON DEMAND CERTIFICATION	1
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION ADD-ON	100751	AXON TASER 10 - REPLACEMENT ACCESS PROGRAM - DUTY CARTRIDGE	20
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION ADD-ON	101193	AXON TASER - ON DEMAND CERTIFICATION	1
A la Carte	101208	AXON TASER 10 - 2 DAY INSTRUCTOR COURSE - INSIDE SALES	1

## Warranties

Bundle	Item	Description	QTY	Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	100704	AXON TASER 10 - EXT WARRANTY - HANDLE	15	05/15/2026	05/14/2030
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	80374	AXON TASER - EXT WARRANTY - BATTERY PACK T7/T10	15	05/15/2026	05/14/2030
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	80374	AXON TASER - EXT WARRANTY - BATTERY PACK T7/T10	3	05/15/2026	05/14/2030
BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	80396	AXON TASER - EXT WARRANTY - DOCK SIX BAY T7/T10	1	05/15/2026	05/14/2030

## Shipping Locations

Location Number	Street	City	State	Zip	Country
1	19808 W Grand Ave	Lake Villa	IL	60046-7519	USA
2	19808 W Grand Ave	Lake Villa	IL	60046-7519	USA

## Payment Details

### Apr 2025

Invoice Plan	Item	Description	Qty	Subtotal	Tax	Total
Year 1	101208	AXON TASER 10 - 2 DAY INSTRUCTOR COURSE - INSIDE SALES	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Year 1	20186	AXON TASER - HOLSTER MOLLE ADAPTER - SAFARILAND W/MLS16 FORK	15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Year 1	C00010	BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	15	\$14,623.20	\$0.00	\$14,623.20
Year 1	C00013	BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION ADD-ON	20	\$6,760.80	\$0.00	\$6,760.80
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$21,384.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$21,384.00</b>

### Apr 2026

Invoice Plan	Item	Description	Qty	Subtotal	Tax	Total
Year 2	101208	AXON TASER 10 - 2 DAY INSTRUCTOR COURSE - INSIDE SALES	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Year 2	20186	AXON TASER - HOLSTER MOLLE ADAPTER - SAFARILAND W/MLS16 FORK	15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Year 2	C00010	BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	15	\$14,623.20	\$0.00	\$14,623.20
Year 2	C00013	BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION ADD-ON	20	\$6,760.80	\$0.00	\$6,760.80
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$21,384.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$21,384.00</b>

### Apr 2027

Invoice Plan	Item	Description	Qty	Subtotal	Tax	Total
Year 3	101208	AXON TASER 10 - 2 DAY INSTRUCTOR COURSE - INSIDE SALES	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Year 3	20186	AXON TASER - HOLSTER MOLLE ADAPTER - SAFARILAND W/MLS16 FORK	15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Year 3	C00010	BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	15	\$14,623.20	\$0.00	\$14,623.20
Year 3	C00013	BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION ADD-ON	20	\$6,760.80	\$0.00	\$6,760.80
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$21,384.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$21,384.00</b>

### Apr 2028

Invoice Plan	Item	Description	Qty	Subtotal	Tax	Total
Year 4	101208	AXON TASER 10 - 2 DAY INSTRUCTOR COURSE - INSIDE SALES	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Year 4	20186	AXON TASER - HOLSTER MOLLE ADAPTER - SAFARILAND W/MLS16 FORK	15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Year 4	C00010	BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	15	\$14,623.20	\$0.00	\$14,623.20
Year 4	C00013	BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION ADD-ON	20	\$6,760.80	\$0.00	\$6,760.80
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$21,384.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$21,384.00</b>

### Apr 2029

Invoice Plan	Item	Description	Qty	Subtotal	Tax	Total
Year 5	101208	AXON TASER 10 - 2 DAY INSTRUCTOR COURSE - INSIDE SALES	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Year 5	20186	AXON TASER - HOLSTER MOLLE ADAPTER - SAFARILAND W/MLS16 FORK	15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Year 5	C00010	BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION	15	\$14,623.20	\$0.00	\$14,623.20
Year 5	C00013	BUNDLE - TASER 10 CERTIFICATION ADD-ON	20	\$6,760.80	\$0.00	\$6,760.80

**Apr 2029**

<b>Invoice Plan</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>Tax</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$21,384.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$21,384.00</b>

Tax is estimated based on rates applicable at date of quote and subject to change at time of invoicing. If a tax exemption certificate should be applied, please submit prior to invoicing.

## Standard Terms and Conditions

### Axon Enterprise Inc. Sales Terms and Conditions

#### Axon Master Services and Purchasing Agreement:

This Quote is limited to and conditional upon your acceptance of the provisions set forth herein and Axon's Master Services and Purchasing Agreement (posted at <https://www.axon.com/sales-terms-and-conditions>), as well as the attached Statement of Work (SOW) for Axon Fleet and/or Axon Interview Room purchase, if applicable. In the event you and Axon have entered into a prior agreement to govern all future purchases, that agreement shall govern to the extent it includes the products and services being purchased and does not conflict with the Axon Customer Experience Improvement Program Appendix as described below.

#### ACEIP:

The Axon Customer Experience Improvement Program Appendix, which includes the sharing of de-identified segments of Agency Content with Axon to develop new products and improve your product experience (posted at [www.axon.com/legal/sales-terms-and-conditions](http://www.axon.com/legal/sales-terms-and-conditions)), is incorporated herein by reference. By signing below, you agree to the terms of the Axon Customer Experience Improvement Program.

#### Acceptance of Terms:

Any purchase order issued in response to this Quote is subject solely to the above referenced terms and conditions. By signing below, you represent that you are lawfully able to enter into contracts. If you are signing on behalf of an entity (including but not limited to the company, municipality, or government agency for whom you work), you represent to Axon that you have legal authority to bind that entity. If you do not have this authority, please do not sign this Quote.

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Signature

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Date Signed

1/3/2025



# Felix off, running on off-track pursuits

Josh Peter  
USA TODAY

LOS ANGELES – In what was billed as the last race of her professional career, Allyson Felix lost.

But she was beaming again even before she regained her breath.

The race, held Sunday on a 100-meter track in downtown LA, culminated The Allyson Felix Race For Change, an event presented by sportswear company Athleta and aimed at raising awareness for the importance of child care and equity for women.

Felix, grabbing a microphone moments after finishing second in her final race, referred to Athleta when she said, “You guys asked me how I wanted to go out, and I said in my dream world running in the streets of LA with all of my people.”

Spectators cheered as Felix, who was born and raised in the LA area, continued, “It’s been a joy this entire day just hanging out with everyone.”

But not all joy. Ashley Henderson said she felt a tinge of guilt after beating Felix in the 100, which capped the daylong activities that drew a crowd that included Felix’s parents, older brother, husband and daughter. Hundreds of people came largely to see Felix, the most decorated American track and field athlete in Olympic history.

But it was Henderson, a sprinter from St. Louis, who won the last race in 11.46 seconds. Felix finished in 11.66 and Chloe Abbott, a sprinter from Michigan, finished third in 12.34. The heat featured only those three sprinters on the five-lane street track.

“I know this is her event and all about her and it still is despite who came to the line first or not,” Henderson said.

Earlier in the day, Felix had helped her 3-year-old daughter, Camryn, into the starting blocks for the first time. Later, with Camryn wearing sparkly gold shoes, mother and daughter ran down the track together. Albeit slowly, and at one point Allyson Felix grabbing her daughter’s right hand and guiding her across the finish line.

No one seemed concerned that Camryn finished last on a day that offered a glimpse into the next phase of Allyson Felix’s life, as other mothers and daughters ran on the same track at



Allyson Felix and her 3-year-old daughter, Camryn, on Sunday.

JOSH PETER/USA TODAY SPORTS

the free public event.

About three weeks ago, Felix ran the last race of her competitive career – winning a bronze medal in the mixed-gender 4x400-meter relay at the world championships. Now she was running with a different purpose and focus.

After Camryn crossed the finish line, Allyson Felix guided her into a VIP tent, got her water and snacks and plopped down next to her on a comfy couch.

“Just being a mother has really just put me down a different path and one I didn’t expect, I guess,” Felix, 36, later told USA TODAY Sports. “It’s just being more thoughtful and definitely shifted things from always being laser focused on a specific goal all the time to thinking about the way I want Cammy to grow up,

and I think that inspires me to do different things and make different choices.”

The biggest recent choice: retirement from track.

“I think it probably hasn’t even hit yet, what it’s actually going to be,” she said. “This year has been really emotional, and it’s been hard coming to the realization that it’s time for me to walk away. But because I have been doing this for the last 20 years, there is a loss of this thing that I absolutely love to do and that I’m so passionate about.

“I’ve talked to other athletes who’ve gone down that path, and I think it’s just going to be something I’m going to have to figure out, even though I have my next great challenges and I have all the things lined up, that I’m going to be doing. But I

think it’s more of an emotional thing, like a loss.”

Might it be time to start raising her own track star in Camryn? After all, Kenny Ferguson, Camryn’s father and Allyson’s husband, is a former sprinter who won three gold medals at the 2003 Pan American Junior Championships.

“I’m kind of pushing her in different directions,” Felix said. “Yeah, it maybe selfishly, but I’ve been to so many track meets. I would love to see her maybe play tennis or golf or maybe do something different. But obviously whatever she wants to do, I will be supportive.”

Felix also is thinking of her own future, and it will involve more than parenting. She said a primary focus will be her footwear company, Saysh. She also noted she recently joined the International Olympic Committee Athletes’ Commission and said, “So I’m excited to hopefully have some impact there, just continue to try to do some of that.”

It’s unlikely you’ll see her coaching anytime soon after years of working with coach Bobby Kersee.

“I blame Bobby that I’m not the next Bobby,” Felix said with a smile. “I’m like, ‘The pain that you have inflicted on my life.’ I think what’s he’s really left me with, him and Jackie (Joyner Kersee), is like the role of mentorship, and what that looks like.

“I don’t have that coaching bug right now. But I want to help the next generation. I want to share my experience and help them along the way. In that way I do want to be active.”

She already is giving back by providing child care – which she understood was essential after giving birth to her daughter in 2018 and eight months later traveling as she prepared for the Tokyo Olympics in 2021.

Before the Tokyo Olympics, Felix and Athleta committed \$200,000 to help fund child care costs for mothers who are also athletes while they are traveling to competitions. In June, she provided free child care to fellow athletes at the USA Track & Field Outdoor Championship in Eugene, Oregon.

“The dream is for that to be the norm at all events,” she said. “And obviously that’s going to take a lot of work to get that in place, but that’s where I want to see that going, and just finding ways to be thoughtful and supporting women in general.”

## NCAA shows it’s spineless with ban silence



Nancy Armour  
Columnist  
USA TODAY

The NCAA is as cowardly as it is inept.

Asked Sunday for its reaction to the near total abortion ban passed this weekend in Indiana, where the NCAA is based, spokeswoman Michelle Hosick said, “We are declining comment.”

That’s right. An organization that last year had more than 240 women at its headquarters, comprising more than half of its staff, is choosing to stay silent as their rights are ripped away from them.

An organization whose sole purpose is to support and facilitate participation for college athletes, nearly half of whom are female, is OK with those women being deemed less than full citizens.

An organization that already struggles to do right by women is standing by as their health and well-being are put at risk.

An organization that is supposed to support women and help them achieve success, in college athletics and be-

yond, is giving its de facto approval as their futures are restricted by extremist Indiana legislators who see them as nothing more than incubators.

Spineless as this is, it’s also short-sighted by the NCAA.

As the voters of Kansas reminded lawmakers who have rushed to strip women of their rights in the wake of Roe v. Wade being overturned, the majority of Americans support abortion access. They believe complex medical and personal decisions should be left to a woman and her doctor.

As right-wing legislators get further and further out of step with the American public, there will be a price to pay.

“We are concerned that this law will hinder Lilly’s – and Indiana’s – ability to attract diverse scientific engineering and business talent from around the world,” pharmaceutical company Eli Lilly, one of Indiana’s largest employers, said in a statement after the abortion ban passed.

It won’t be any different for the NCAA. Imagine trying to sell a young woman on working for the NCAA at its headquarters in Indianapolis. Or a man with teenage daughters. Or anyone who believes women, not state legislators,

know what is best for them and their bodies.

Imagine trying to convince a sponsor that has publicly stated its support for abortion rights, or one whose target audience is women, to partner with the NCAA.

That the NCAA should be hostile to women shouldn’t come as a surprise. The new chair of its board of governors is Linda Livingstone, president of Baylor, a conservative Baptist school. The presidents of Georgia, Georgetown and Minot State University are also on the board.

Even before the new board members assumed their duties last week, the NCAA had made it clear it had lost any spine it once had.

When Indiana passed legislation in March 2015 that allowed businesses to discriminate against gays and lesbians, the NCAA joined other Indiana business leaders in condemnation of it. NCAA President Mark Emmert even suggested it could affect Indianapolis’ ability to host lucrative events like the men’s and women’s basketball tournaments.

When North Carolina passed its so-called “bathroom bill” targeting transgender people, the NCAA responded by saying it would no longer hold champi-

onships – including the men’s and women’s basketball tournaments – there.

But as Texas and other states have passed laws that are increasingly hostile to women, the NCAA has barely said a peep.

Texas passed a bounty law last year that effectively curtailed abortion access in that state, yet the state will host both the men’s and women’s Final Fours next year. And the men’s Final Four again in 2025.

Mississippi, whose law banning abortions after 15 weeks led to the overturning of Roe in June, hosted a softball super regional the month before the Supreme Court issued its decision.

Aside from being the right thing to do, opposing Indiana’s abortion ban also would have been the easy thing to do. Lilly, the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce and other business leaders had already issued strong statements criticizing it. All the NCAA had to do was join the chorus.

Instead, it is conspicuous by its silence.

In saying nothing about Indiana’s abortion ban, the NCAA tells everything about itself. And none of it should make anyone who works there proud.

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