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Brook Creek Neighborhood Association

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**CITY MANAGERS OFFICE
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Dear Mayor Highberger & Commissioners,

We would like the city commission to deny the SA the 12-month extension on the site plan unless they would agree to the following:

- 1) That the SA rezone the entire parcel to either RS-1, RO-1 or PRD-1.
- 2) That they commit in writing to all policies and operational procedures promised by S.A. leaders to neighborhoods as reassurance in 2004.

These contingencies are factors that the Salvation Army, Brook Creek, Barker, and East Lawrence Neighborhoods worked out in meetings last year, including two large meetings on June 9 and July 14. The Salvation Army gave verbal agreements to these items but nothing in writing and our neighborhoods are concerned that lip-service may be all we are to receive.

Our neighborhood's main concerns are:

- 1, We do not want an 'open shelter' or 'soup kitchen' at this location, now or at any time in the future.
2. We do want this site - if S.A. turns out to be unable to proceed with their plans - to become available, as soon as possible, for non-'industrial' uses ... specifically, a planned residential development or something similar.
3. We do not want any industrial-type land use to go into this location-now or in the future.

The promises made by the Salvation Army that we are asking them to put in writing are:

1. A permanent soup kitchen downtown for the transients who are not eligible for the new SA program. This will keep them downtown where the police will know where they are and keep an eye on them for their own safety and will avoid the situation where they will come out for dinner to the new facility only to be turned away with no ride back downtown. Hence it will greatly reduce the number of transients wandering through our neighborhoods.
2. A van that is owned or leased by the SA for the purpose of transporting transients back downtown. There is a concern that people will be stranded in the neighborhood with no bus fare back or will be stranded at a time when the buses will have stopped running for the night. This is conceivable as the shelter doesn't have check in time until 9:00pm and the buses stop running at 8:00pm.
3. The SA would request an in-house police sub-station to handle any situation that may arise. This is a full substation not a small room for police to write their reports. Also, a neighborhood "crime data baseline" would be compiled by the Lawrence Police Dept. with the neighborhood, six or twelve months before the facility opened, and updated regularly.

4. In the event the SA does not use the site for the proposed facility, the site will be downzoned to fit the neighborhood

We would like to work with the Salvation Army but these are our contingencies. At one of our first meetings with Mr. Forney he told us (Richard Heckler, Kirstin Rousseau, and me-Beth Anne Mansur) that even if they never get to build on this property, the Salvation Army can use it for investment property, so we feel it is not a great hardship to them.

Thank you for your time,

Beth Anne Mansur
Vice President BCNA

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Anne".