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To Whom It May Concern:

At Nickelsville's Weekly Meeting Thursday it was Moved / Seconded / and Passed that those gathered had 'No Confidence' in me as their staff person.

I accept this decision to end our work together. This does not end my responsibility to those Nickelsville has reached agreements with, to those Nickelsville owes money, and to all those Nickelodeons and allies who have and are working so hard for homeless people in Seattle to have a place to stay 'together and safe.'

Here is how it seems best to me to approach those responsibilities:

1) If those at the camp at 1010 South Dearborn have a non profit corporation that can step in and accept all assets and liabilities of Nickelsville, I will see that the Nickelsville 501c3 transfers all it's assets and liabilities to them.

The identity and value of these assets and liabilities - structures, bills, etc - will be agreed upon in the contract between the non profit accepting the assets and Nickelsville the 501c3. In the event that the organization accepting the assets and liabilities becomes insolvent, bankrupt, or in violation of their contract with either the owner of the property at 1010 South Dearborn or the operator of the activity there, I will take personal responsibility for all liabilities remaining that had existed on February 5th, 2015.

This transfer to another non profit does not need to be finalized until both the property owner and operator of Nickelsville have agreed to transfer their contracts to the new non profit. However these arrangements must be concluded by Thursday February 5th, 2015.

2) If the camp at 1010 South Dearborn is unable to find a non profit corporation able to step in, Nickelsville the 501c3 Non Profit Corporation will accept that it has defaulted on it's legal obligations to both the property owner and operator of Nickelsville.

We will then cease the operations there on February 6th and post notice that all present must leave the property by Tuesday February 10th, 2015. At that time duly authorized Nickelodeons and volunteers will restore the premises to the condition it was found in.

3) If the new non profit who accepts the assets and liabilities of Nickelsville is unable to meet their commitments to the 1010 South Dearborn property owner or if no non profit is found to accept them, I will work at least 25 hours weekly to make whole those who are due compensation for services rendered or property used by Nickelsville prior to February 5th, 2015.

4) The majority of people now at 1010 South Dearborn are good people. It is likely that if they had a staff person who devoted the time to them typical for an organizer to devote to such a project, their operations would have been much smoother.

Thomas Merton wrote "To allow oneself to be carried away by a multitude of conflicting concerns, to surrender to too many demands, to commit oneself to too many projects, to want to help everyone in everything, is to succumb to the violence of our times."

I have succumbed to the violence Merton describes, and will do my best to make whole those harmed by this overreaching. I begin with this acknowledgement, and sincere apology.

Sincerely,

Scott Morrow