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March 26, 2015

Dear Mr. Kirlin-Hackett:

Please refer to the attached copy of an agreement between yourself and King County, effective December 1, 2014. This agreement calls for you to provide services to two homeless encampments: Tent City 4 and Camp Unity. As I understand the terms, you are agreeing to help the operators of these encampments find suitable future site locations so that they may make orderly and legally permitted transitions from one site to the next.

As you know, Tent City 4 is a project of Mr. Scott Morrow and his organization, SHARE. As you also know, Tent City 4 made an unpermitted and secret move onto public land earlier this month. In an article in the March 18 edition of the *Issaquah-Sammamish Reporter*, you are quoted as saying that you had left messages with SHARE but they had not returned your calls. Meanwhile, a SHARE spokesman claimed that you are persona non grata with that organization. Clearly this situation calls for some clarification.

I have some questions and requests for you regarding this agreement. I'll give you those now, and then I'd like to meet downtown in one of the County offices in the next two weeks to discuss them. Another interested party, Ms. Karen Morris, will be there as well. If you'd like to bring someone else along, that's fine. If you'd like for County staff to be present, I believe that can be arranged.

My questions:

- What representations did you make to the County with regard to your relationship with Mr. Morrow and/or SHARE and your ability to induce them to cooperate with you in finding a new site for Tent City 4?
- Did you secure Mr. Morrow's consent to participate in the arrangement before you signed the agreement with the County?
- Did you help the other camp (Camp Unity) find a new site? If so, what did you contribute to that effort?

My requests:

- Please produce any documentation you have of any agreements between yourself and any host church you corresponded with showing that you had arranged (or were trying to arrange) for the church to host Mr. Morrow's camp.
- Please produce records of any correspondence (written or electronic) between yourself and anyone at the King County Department of Community and Health Services (DCHS) regarding the progress of your effort to help relocate Tent City 4 prior to their move. If you don't have any such records, please make a list of contacts to the best of your recollection. For each item, please include the date, the person you talked to at DCHS, and the subject of the conversation.

I'm thinking this shouldn't be too burdensome. In any case, I think it's reasonable to consider this as part of what you are obligated to do under the agreement anyway.

If you feel that you are not under any obligation to respond to this letter or to meet with me, I would urge you to reconsider that. In the first place, you may be legally required – as a recipient of funding from the County – to produce answers to at least some of my requests. But even if you were under no such obligation, please consider that you are, in a manner of speaking, a public servant, and it will not look good if you simply refuse to cooperate with a citizen who is trying to understand what it you do. I am in contact with various state legislators, City and King County councilmembers, and public officials, all of whom are now following this matter with interest.

Please contact me at one of the addresses below to schedule a meeting time. Thanks.

Sincerely,

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