

Corporate Support Office

July 3, 2012

Council President Kathy Lantry City of St. Paul 320-C City Hall 15 Kellogg Boulevard West St. Paul, MN 55102

Re: Conditional Use Permit for 1394 Jackson

Dear President Lantry:

Volunteers of America-Minnesota (VOA-MN) has a long history of involvement in the social and economic fabric of St. Paul for more than a century. We've served 'paroled men' in St. Paul as far back as 1926 and we continue to serve St. Paul residents re-entering society to this day through our Residential Re-Entry Center programs.

Our property ownership and programmatic presence continues in the City to this day. We believe that our services have helped many St. Paulites become productive and valued citizens. And, with the support of the City Council, we look forward to building on this tradition through the re-location of our Roseville re-entry program to 1394 Jackson Street.

As the President and Chief Executive Officer of VOA-MN, I would like to offer—in writing—several commitments in connection with the issuance of a conditional use permit for 1394 Jackson Street:

First, VOA-MN will pay to the City an annual amount equal to the City portion of the property taxes levied on 1394 Jackson Street;

Second, VOA-MN will grant the City a right-of-first refusal for 1394 Jackson Street, triggered whenever VOA-MN offers the property for sale; and

Third, VOA-MN will not re-sell the property for use as a community residential facility should the City decide to not exercise its right-of-first refusal.

You should know that we previously offered a right-of-first refusal to the St. Paul Port Authority. Our offer was made in response to the Authority's expressed desire to redevelop the western portion of the Arlington/Jackson area at some point in the future. The Authority declined our offer.

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As an organization with a history rich in successful partnerships, VOA-MN takes great pride in being transparent, cooperative and reasonable. The commitments I expressed above are made in that spirit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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President and CEO

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