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To: Your Worship Mayor and Council

I am writing you with regards to the centralization of the homeless encampment at Lower Patricia. I have lived in College Heights, Ginter's field area and Millar Addition neighborhoods. Four years ago I returned to the Millar Addition and this move confirmed this is the neighborhood that is the best fit. People walk their dogs, smile at each other, return miss directed mail, watch each other houses when on vacation, plow a drive way and have developed a sense of community. People in this neighborhood walk to the market downtown, shops and restaurants. People in this neighborhood value the diversity of it occupants from income level, family make-up, and career choices.

What this neighborhood is now facing is an increase contact with the local fire, ambulance and police. Which in the time I have lived in the city have never had to utilize until the encampment arrived. The lack of management of this area and has resulted in a change in the safety and security that was once here. I have never had to lock up items as I do now. I have had my car gone through, items stolen outside, phoned for fires and blood found in a building. The smoke has increase the air pollution to the point of causing headaches at times when just walking the boulevard. An encounter in which a neighbor was required to help to scare away a person, even when I had two dogs with me as I was entering my home. I have also found drug material all around the Millar Addition. I have changed my exercise route in the morning and need to check myself home if I walk alone at night. This was not the case when I returned to the Millar addition.

I have concerns about how the city will manage the sanitation, personalities, crime and fires from the consolidation. This situation is not an easy one and there is not short term fix for such a complex problem. The safety concern at this point in time to the neighborhood appear to be an after thought as well as the air quality due to burning. The lack of communication leads to assumption and presumptions which is not supportive in this situation. It would be ideal to have communication with regards to the short and long term city wide strategic plan to address the impact.

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