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**Tenants to Homeowners,  
Inc.**

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<b>Re:</b>	Request to City Manager		
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June 26, 2006

David Corliss  
Interim City Manager  
City Hall  
PO Box 708  
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear David Corliss:

Tenants to Homeowners, Inc. is requesting the donation of several city lots (Homewood Gardens Addition, Block 10, Lot 5 and 6 and the north 40' of Lot 1 in Block 9) for an affordable housing development that will be stewarded by the Lawrence Community Land and Housing Trust Program. This land grant will make it possible for TTH to build ten single family homes on these lots and sell them at truly affordable prices under \$125,000. These homes will be affordable for the first purchasers and all other buyers thereafter through the restricted resale provisions of the land trust, making this subsidy an efficient and permanent contribution from the city to provide affordable single family housing in Lawrence. TTH has already bought several of these properties and will have to improve the sewer to develop the lots we already have. By donating the lots situated in between those we purchased, this donation would significantly help TTH reduce the development costs for each house and pass that savings directly on to our future buyers, all who are families that have an income below 80% of the median.

The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association, The Brook Creek Neighborhood Association and many members of the former Burroughs Creek Corridor Committee are also in support of our proposed project. We will certainly give fee simple title to the city of any railroad right-of-way property we receive and also provide an extended access easement from the lot on the corner of Ward and Bullene that we currently own. This lot has a natural spring on it and is a particularly unique green space in Lawrence that the Community Land Trust feels would be best kept as such. We are working with the neighborhoods to create some sort of designated green space/community garden with this land to contribute to the quality of this development and neighborhood. We feel these contributions are a fair trade-off for a generous city donation to affordable housing. We appreciate your support of the Lawrence Community Land and Housing Trust Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Rebecca Buford', is written over a printed name and title.

Rebecca Buford, Executive Director, TTH, Inc.