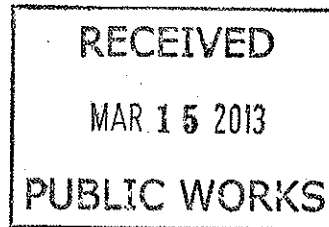




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Re: Wesleyan Church Property -- SEC 31st and Kasold

As pastor of the Lawrence Wesleyan Church, I am writing in support of the Benefit District petition that has been presented to the city, and Pat Peery discussed with you at a meeting on Monday, March 11.

The Wesleyan Church has been a part of Lawrence for over 75 years. In 2002, we purchased, remodeled, and moved into the former USD #497 administration building. Brown Development, a church consulting firm, has confirmed what we suspected: we need to re-locate in order to accommodate our growth.

It is important to us to have a facility that allows to worship and grow in our faith. However, we also have developed community partnerships with 4 institutions in Lawrence: New York School, Pioneer Ridge Retirement Center, Heartland Community Health Center, and Family Promise. We want to serve these organizations because we believe they are making a difference.

It would be a monumental challenge to produce capital up-front to build the necessary roads on the property we are developing to re-locate. Our desire is to use the generous donations of our constituents to continue to worship Christ, grow as his disciples, and serve our world. Granting the benefit district, as requested, would greatly enhance our ability to do so.

When we sell a portion of our property, the reduced mortgage payment and the additional costs of paying off the benefit district will be considerably less than what we are currently paying in mortgage payments now. In other words while paying capital upfront drastically hinders our ability to build a much needed facility, paying off the benefit district obligation is well within our ability.

Thanks for your consideration of our request.

J. Nathan Rovenstine
Lead Pastor