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To Denver City Council

Globeville First, Globeville K.A.R.E.S., & UCAN are fulfilling a commitment to the neighborhood of Globeville, by voicing the opinions of the residents that we represent. Our current stance on the Beloved Community Village, is that 4400 Pearl is not the correct location for this project. This stance has been voiced in three neighborhood meetings, our RNO meetings attended by city officials, and amongst neighbors.

Despite the voicing of our opinion, The City of Denver has continued to push the village into Globeville. We feel it embarrassing that after years of requesting assistance in cleaning up this site in Globeville, The City organizes a clean up only to further push the village into Globeville. Evan Dryer & Albus Brooks have both admitted that the community outreach for this project have been unacceptable.

RNO Groups were implemented to “obtain informed participation from as many neighborhood citizens as possible”. After surveying 150 residents of Globeville, only six were in support of the village. This information was presented to the appropriate parties, and still the very people that we formed RNOs to represent have their voices unheard. We as RNOs have done our duty. We have informed our neighbors of the proposal. Answered all questions they have posed. Lastly we listened to our neighbors.

It does not need to be said that each RNO represented by this letter has compassion for the homeless. As throughout our shared existence we have taken homelessness issues into our own hands here in Globeville. However, our stance on this individual project is that Globeville is not the proper place for this type of project.

Globeville neighbors have set forward many ideas over the years and recently for the use of this site in proximity to a concentration of family homes. Ideas that would bring more vitality to our neighborhood. Now those hopes have been paved over.

At this moment we can only echo the voice and sentiments of the people we promised to represent. At this moment we are not prepared to sign any good neighbor agreement, because we feel that the City of Denver and CVC are not being good neighbors in the way they are forcing this on Globeville. Even offering up to our neighborhood services which have long been missing are now, unfortunately, being offered only as a carrot to get this approved.

The fact that this village was introduced to Globeville silently, and swiftly showed that the City and the CVC knew there would be opposition. Now the choice is left to the City, and the CVC. Will our opposition be heard, or taken seriously? Will this be yet another injustice done to the residents of Globeville? The very experience of opposing this project has shown that Denver and the CVC can look upon 150 people who have signed their name in opposition and continue to bulldoze their way into our community.

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