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Re: The future of the Concordia University site in Portland - Request for dialog with CNA

Dear Mr Lauer,

For more than a century, Concordia University served as an anchor to our neighborhood, providing not only an education for students who attended, but good jobs, as well as a handsomely landscaped campus with a library, generously shared with local residents.

So important is this association, that our neighborhood itself takes its name from this Lutheran institution - Concordia.

The future of the 24-acre campus is of keen interest to the 10,000 residents and 1,000 local businesses represented by the Concordia Neighborhood Association (CNA).

CNA board members seek to open a line of communication with the LCEF, as the current owner of the University campus.

We are sad to see this venerable, well-regarded institution close, especially so abruptly and with so little warning to students, faculty and the neighborhood.

Now, we seek to introduce ourselves, and ask to open a dialog with the LCEF to express our collective hope that your church's extension fund will consult with neighborhood representatives regarding selection of a new owner.

We truly hope that, whomever the new owner ends up being, that they will value having a positive relationship with the neighborhood.

We have a broad outreach to our residents and businesses, and are a tight-knit community. We are here to support a constructive dialog, and an orderly transition to new owners who will keep the goodwill of residents, many of whom attend local Lutheran churches, intact.

Would you and those with authority to make decisions for this site be willing to open a line of communication with us over the future of this site?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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