

February 4, 2019

Mayor Michael Hancock and Denver City Council Members  
City and County of Denver

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In cooperation with our friends and partners at the Beloved Community Tiny Home Village, Urban Land Conservancy (ULC) continues to strongly encourage the City of Denver to support the village in their recent request to relocate to the Globeville neighborhood.

Beloved Community is providing housing to some of Denver's most vulnerable people, and their stability and growth is essential. ULC has been the property owner of both Beloved Community sites over the last 20 months, leasing space for \$1 per month to the village. We are and have been a strong advocate sitting at the negotiation table to make this tiny home village a reality, and we have first-hand knowledge about the tireless efforts required by countless partners to develop Beloved Community. The success of a village has now been proven, ULC is optimistic that other property owners will step up and put vacant land to good use, being part of the solution our region is facing in addressing homelessness. This City is an ideal property owner to continue proving out this model.


Leasing the land located at 4400 N. Pearl St. to Beloved Communities will not only allow for the continued success of the current village residents, but also allow for growth of the village, providing life-changing opportunities to others facing homelessness. Located only ½ mile from the current property, the villagers can make a smooth transition with confidence they are in their same neighborhood and can continue accessing jobs, education, transit and services.

ULC asks that the City of Denver be a strong partner for Beloved Communities and be a leader in tearing down existing barriers that keep tiny home village concepts from being part of the solution of addressing homelessness. We strongly encourage that you support the long-term stability of Beloved Communities and set an example of how property owners can play a critical role in providing creative, inexpensive answers to the many questions we are all trying to answer around providing opportunities for health and stability to all of Denver's residents.

ULC is in the business of positively impacting lives through real estate stewardship and have relied on the City of Denver as a strong partner to support this shared mission that provides direct benefit to Denver residents. As the current landowner providing places to demonstrate the success of Colorado's first tiny home village for those experiencing homelessness, we strongly encourage the City to replicate this model – not deny its ability to relocate.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 720.699.0313. I appreciate your consideration and hope you will consider this opportunity to be a leader in creative approaches to support Denver becoming an equitable city for all.

Sincerely,



Aaron Miripol, President and CEO, Urban Land Conservancy