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Hello:

We want to make it clear that our goal is **permanent low-income housing** for the current residents of the JTD Camp on the Parkway and Camp Teddy located at the PHA Building.

The organizers have been engaged in negotiations with the Eva Gladstein for the last three weeks without any commitment to discussing emergency transfer of vacant properties. Instead, we have been presented with bad faith negotiations to grant access to city outreach workers in order to initiate an eviction of the camp without any reasonable plan for where its residents will go. We are supposed to accept access to city 'services' and access to 'treatment' and a promise of 'future collaboration' in lieu of any actual immediate plan for housing. We find this entirely unacceptable.

In all of our discussions, we have received zero offers of permanent housing, our primary demand. Our attempts to discuss properties in the Land Bank, up for auction by the Sheriff, owned by the the City of Philadelphia, the Redevelopment Authority (RDA), the Philadelphia Housing Development Corporation (PHDC) or the Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA), have been met with delay, distraction and obfuscation. Our commitment to Black Lives extends to people while they are alive, not just once they've been executed by one of your police officers or assaulted and terrorized by a rogue police force with no public accountability (see PHA Police).

The JTD/Teddy Camp residents and the organizers have been in the city for decades. We know its capabilities. While the City government claims that it does not possess the resources or powers to provide emergency housing for its thousands of residents living on the streets and in shelters, we know that this is simply a lack of political will. The Philadelphia Housing Authority, while being federally funded and supervised by HUD, is squarely within the jurisdiction of the City of Philadelphia, the mayor possessing the power to appoint its board. PHA properties aside, the City owns and controls thousands more properties under the RDA and PHDC or simply owned by the City itself. Philadelphia stands out alone in the entire country as possessing thousands of vacant, city owned, residential buildings. As a city, we have options that few other municipalities possess. These facts are common knowledge within the camp and across the city at large. In the midst of a global pandemic, the City of Philadelphia needs to display the kind of leadership that has been largely absent from the political stage, it is time to utilize every power available to address these overlapping crises of housing, chronic poverty and racial equity.

We will only be speaking further with the person and/or persons that can authorize property transfers through the RDA and PHDC to a private entity, non-profit etc for the purpose of creating a community land trust that provides permanent low-income housing.

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Permanent housing and property transfers to a community land trust is the only agenda item that we will be speaking about. Persons in the JTD camp, other encampments and unhoused people around the city have made it clear, there is no need to speak further if we are not speaking about transferring vacant properties into a permanent,

low-income, community land trust.

If you would like to engage in this discussion with related properties to be transferred then we'd like to go forward.