

## Fw: Opposition to CommuniCare and the Process of Selection

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Ms. Mark,

FYI, see below. The Grove Park community expects a response.

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Good Morning Councilman Schleifer and Mayor Scott,

I was unable to attend the Hilltop 4100 monthly community meeting. However, I have been informed by several community members of the status of the meeting. I want to provide a point of clarification and an action item for your agenda. To be clear, the Grove Park Improvement Association is opposed to CommuniCare taking ownership of 5545 Kennison- Grove Park Elementary. While some may believe that the "process" was fair, it did not include members of the community on the evaluation panel. Further, the panel made a recommendation that was forwarded to Commissioner Kennedy along with two other proposals for her selection. The community provided their recommendation to her staff in writing *before* she made her selection. It has been confirmed by a PIA request that she was aware of our recommendation and misused her discretion in favor of the big money interests of potential tax dollars- versus the futures of youth and homeowners in Grove Park. This is especially true of the homeowners who live on Kennison Avenue.

Ms. Kennedy had, and has, the ability to accept another proposal. The Exclusive Negotiation Process is a land disposition agreement that is non-binding and only negotiates the price and terms of sale. She, along with the Mayor, has the ability to direct DHCD to back out of this agreement and select an organization more in line with the community's wishes. This organization does not have to be the nonprofit that we recommended, but rather one that meets the goals of the community **and** those of

the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City (DHCD). Concord's proposal represents such an opportunity.

This process is not final. This is an opportunity for you all. Especially, given that the community has expressed so much angst. We will not allow this to rest. More direct action is in line. What is happening here will happen in other communities.

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