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Via email: [mharle@gaudenzia.org](mailto:mharle@gaudenzia.org)

**RE: Gaudenzia New Residential Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facility**

Dear Mr. Harle,

Thank you to the representatives from Gaudenzia, as well as the design and development team, who attended the Hill CDC's emergency community meeting on Monday July 17, 2017. Many Hill District residents expressed concern with the process by which Gaudenzia sought to develop a new residential drug and alcohol treatment facility, as well as the location of the facility at 420 Grove Street in what has been designated by the community as the "Centre of Culture."

On behalf of the DRP, I am inviting you to re-engage the Hill District community review process by:

1. Withdrawing your requests from the Zoning Board of Adjustment for (1) a special exception to operate a Community Home in an area that is not zoned for such a use and (2) all setback variances with regard to 420 Grove Street. We request this as a gesture of good faith, to build trust in the community, and to show a commitment to work with the community for the best solution that honors and respects the community's vision.
2. Coming to the Hill CDC for a 60-minute session to review community plans and identify zones in which the location of a residential drug and alcohol treatment

center might be in alignment with the community's plans.

3. Identifying 5 locations within those zones that are feasible from your perspective for a new drug and alcohol treatment facility.
4. Submitting those 5 locations to be reviewed by the DRP, and go through the community review process.

Should you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me at [millions@hilldistrict.org](mailto:millions@hilldistrict.org) or 412-765-1820. We appreciate your cooperation on this matter, and look forward to finding a mutually acceptable result.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marimba Millions". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the top.

Marimba Millions  
President & CEO

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