To:
The Ann Arbor's Mayor, and Council Members:
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From:
Camp Take Notice Subcommittee for the Right to Eat and Receive Humanitarian Aid
c/o:
MISSION
1327 White Street
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Date:
~~Wednesday~~, May 12th, 2013

We would like to bring to your attention a grievous act of discrimination. It has come to our understanding that organizations that serve the economic underclass of the Ann Arbor community are no longer welcome in Liberty Plaza without the paying of money. Does the city have a policy of ignoring the economic needs of the disadvantaged? At this point we are confused, bewildered and hurt that, for no apparent reason, the city is taking action against a protected constituency.

The distribution of food and other necessities has been a long-standing event at Liberty Plaza on Friday evenings. Humanitarian aid has been offered for years by volunteers at no cost to the city. We have found that this service has been very beneficial. The bags of food that are given to attendees of this event supplement the services provided by the Delonis. It compensates for a crucial gap in meal availability over the weekend; the Delonis Center provides only one meal on Saturday and Sunday in contrast to the weekday service of both lunch and dinner.

Through hearsay, we have learned that fees will now be charged for the Friday food distribution. Is this true? We need to know if there is any validity to the rumor. In light of Ann Arbor's Nondiscrimination Ordinance (Chapter 112 9:150 and 9:151.4), please explain your position on this matter.

Before engaging in acts of civil disobedience, we are writing for clarification. To ensure there is no misunderstanding, let us state that we, the signers of this letter, would like all sponsoring organizations to be free to provide humanitarian aid at Liberty Plaza without the city assessing a fee.

We hope to continue to enjoy the camaraderie that this park, named Liberty, has offered for so many years. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful reply.

Sincerely,
Members and supporters of the Camp Take Notice community

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