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City of Boise
150 N Capitol Boulevard
Boise, Idaho 83702

Attention: Mayor McLean & Council (via email: citycouncil@cityofboise.org)
Planning & Zoning Commission (via email: zoninginfo@cityofboise.org)

Subject: Communication and Collaboration
Veterans Park Neighborhood Association

Dear City Leaders,

The Barber Valley Neighborhood Association (BVNA) is writing this letter to express support for communication and collaboration between the Veterans Park Neighborhood Association (VPNA) and City leaders regarding the Interfaith Sanctuary's proposed relocation to 4306 State Street. The BVNA acknowledges it does not possess all the facts associated with the issue, and it hesitates taking positions on projects outside its neighborhood area. In principle, however, the BVNA does support good-faith efforts toward dialogue between neighborhood associations and the City in instances such as these.

It has come to our attention through one of our neighborhood association colleagues that prior to an official application being made, the VPNA is "struggling to even get a meeting with our city's leadership, let alone have their voice heard." If this is the case, we urge City of Boise staff, Planning & Zoning commissioners, City Council, and the Mayor's office to address the VPNA's concerns with appropriate responsiveness toward sustaining meaningful planning dialogue between City and neighborhood stakeholders as the project moves forward.

City of Boise neighborhood planning involves "a collaboration between the city and neighborhood associations to guide the future of Boise's neighborhoods." By expressing concern for the proposed project, the VPNA has fulfilled its obligations to the Veterans Park neighborhood. We urge City leaders to meet this level of concern with a good-faith effort toward communication, collaboration, and resolution to address all stakeholders' issues and concerns.

Respectfully Yours,

Barber Valley Neighborhood Association

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