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To the Board of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District (KPPCSD)

Dear Board Members,

Our UUCB congregation and Board are committed to actively maintaining and improving our partnerships with the groups and organizations in our wider community. In this spirit and with this commitment in mind, the Board seriously considered your request to lease space on our campus. Over a three month period, we engaged in robust discussions including a variety of stakeholders. We especially appreciate that three KPPCSD representatives, Alexandra Aquino-Fike, Sarah Gough, and Police Chief Mike Gancasz, attended our July Board meeting to answer our questions.

However, after further discussion of the many complexities associated with having a police department on site, the Board of Trustees voted in August against further exploration of the requested lease.

We note that at the July Board meeting, our Board and the KPPCSD representatives expressed interest in engaging in dialogue. We certainly would be open to that should the department wish to do so. We applaud your efforts and the progress made to date to be a community-focused, just police department. We hope that, in the near future, you are successful in finding a site that meets the needs of the Kensington community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tess Snook O'Riva", is written over a horizontal line.

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