

Second Start

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Adult Basic Education

Jim Bouley, Mayor

Adult Learner Services
Tutorial Program

124 East Side Drive

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Concord, NH 03301

English for Speakers
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Dear Mayor Bouley,


First Start Children's
Center

450 North State Street
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After listening to the presentations at the March 9th public hearing and testifying about the Citywide Community Center at the Dame School location, I have a major concern that I would like to express. I am afraid that the rental fees the City will be asking for the finished product will prove to be cost prohibitive for non-profits and community organizations that are interested in using the space. Two examples came to mind after reading the City staff's report to the council. The projected rental cost of \$84,000 for approximately 3,000 sq of space for Concord TV was never going to be attainable. Also, the elimination of the preschool center is due in large part to the projected rental rates for the 2,000 sf of space. I fear the same will be true for local non-profits that are attempting to serve the large population of immigrants on the Heights.

Simply put, if the rental costs needed to support the City Wide Community Center are so high that they can't be afforded by the organizations trying to serve community needs, where is the community in that?

Sincerely,


James B. Snodgrass
Executive Director

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