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Associate Vice President

July 22, 2009

Mr. Jack Spicer
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Dear Jack,

I hope you are having a good summer.

I am writing to follow-up on our earlier correspondence about the community garden, laying out the University's timeline for its property at 61st and Dorchester, and making sure that you and your fellow gardeners are able to take advantage of the opportunity to relocate. Please feel free to share this letter with individuals interested in the garden.

As first conveyed in writing to you in April 2008, we appreciate the contributions that you and your fellow gardeners make to the Woodlawn community, and we want to see that continue. However, after many years of allowing gardeners use of this particular property, we now need to use the area for construction staging associated with a University construction project.

Here is our timetable:

- On October 30, 2009, we will close the community garden and begin preparing the site for construction.
- By November 15, 2009, all personal items must be removed from the garden.
- By November 30, 2009, we would like to transport the carefully tended top soil to a new site before inclement weather arrives.

As you know, Alderman Cochran has offered to work with you and your fellow gardeners to assist you in finding an alternative site in Woodlawn. He is waiting to hear from you on how you would like to proceed. The University is willing to cooperate with you to ensure a smooth transition of your gardening and community-building activities.

In closing, it is our hope that the garden continues to be a resource to the community, a source of pride, and a symbol of partnership for many years to come.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the planned timeline.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sonya", with a stylized, cursive script.

Sonya Malunda