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To: Cara Kaser; Chuck Bennett

Subject: Mayor Bennett and Councilor Kaser

Hi Chuck and Kara,

I wanted to see if the two of you have time to meet with Steve Fowler (our Lead Pastor) and myself for 30 minutes. I realize we can't talk about the potential lease for the library move... we just want to clear the air with the rumors going around regarding Salem Alliance.

We have tried very hard to be good neighbors, community partners and a resource to the City. We have had almost every group or organization in town use Broadway Commons. We have never had anyone say we discriminated against them. Yet, there is a small group of people that accused us of having a policy to not hire LGBTQ people at Broadway Coffeehouse. This is not true and we have never asked anyone's sexual preference in the hiring process. We don't have any policies that are anti-LGBTQ.

Some of our tenants include NW Hub, Sparrow Furniture, Sackcloth and Ashes, Salem Free Medical Clinics, Salem Leadership Foundation, Salem for Refugees and we have great partnerships with all of these groups. You both know me personally and some of what Salem Alliance does around the City... hopefully our actions have spoken louder than rumors that start on social media.

Let me know if you have time to get together. We can be pretty flexible with your schedules.

Thanks, Tim