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Dear City Counsel,

I hear screaming every night before I go to sleep and every morning when I wake up. Sadly, this is the least of my worries living directly across the street from Save Inc. In these past two years, our neighborhood has been experiencing an ongoing nightmare dealing with the fallout due to Save, Inc.'s gross mismanagement. These issues include Save Inc.'s management staff allowing their underage tenants to participate in these following activities: frequent volatile arguments and violent fights on their front porch, drinking alcohol and doing drugs on their front porch, sleeping on their front porch, threatening and chasing pedestrians down the street; illegally dumping trash in our neighborhood; publicly urinating and illegally disposing of wiping materials on the street; and acts of prostitution and drug dealing on the lot that they lease from the City of Kansas City . Save Inc. lacks appropriate protocol with its tenants. There is no security guard or other deterrent in place to prevent fights or other illegal activities outside. Save Inc.'s Tenants are allowed to do drugs, sell drugs, engage in acts of prostitution, have fights, just as long as it is outside.

In the past, Save Inc. has refused to meet with the neighbors to resolve these issues. In 2018, Blaine Proctor promised that Save Inc. would not negatively affect the safety, security or enjoyment of our neighborhood. Blaine Proctor stated that if there were any issues with Save Inc. that he would have an open dialogue with our neighbors and resolve the issues. However, those promises were not kept. On January 24, 2021, Save Inc's tenant attempted to break into my vehicle at 2:30 in the morning. On February 1, 2021, I spoke with Save Inc.'s staff in which they

admitted to the majority of the acts that I have described above. I requested a meeting with Blaine Proctor to discuss these issues. However, instead of meeting with the neighborhood, my husband and I had to meet with his attorney who laughed at our concerns and told us that he would advise Blaine Proctor not to meet with our neighbors to discuss these issues. Things have only escalated since then. This year alone there have been at least twenty emergency calls to Pride Haven. These calls range from emergency services to tenants bringing guns, having violent altercations or being picked up for a warrant after committing felonies.

Save Inc. pushes its issues onto the neighborhood. Instead of providing a proper facility for their tenants to receive the care that they need, Save Inc.'s managerial staff locks them out of their property and forces the neighborhood to deal with the fallout. If they aren't allowed in the building, they also shouldn't be on the porch all day without supervision. Conversely, if they are allowed in the building, they shouldn't be forced to sleep outside on the porch and potentially get heat stroke during the day. I have seen hour long mental breakdowns, fights, and consistent drug use on a weekly basis. In fact, on Monday, a tenant was doing drugs on the porch and a Save Inc. Staff member went outside to tell him not to do drugs on the porch. When the Youth told her that he was going to continue using drugs on the porch, the staffer responded "I just want you to acknowledge that I am telling you not to do drugs on the porch" and went back inside. This is just one example of Save Inc.'s failure to provide a structured environment that would actually help people or keep the neighborhood safe.

City Council, today, I am requesting that you do not authorize the Director of Health to execute the contract to provide Save, Inc. with \$1,400,000, and I am urging you not to allow the director of health to have the authority to modify the terms of the contractual agreement with Save Inc without City Council approval. You are our last hope for any meaningful action to

remedy the issues affecting our neighborhood. I cannot stress the severity of these issues. You must ask yourself, when, not if, when a person dies because of Save Inc., did you do all that you could do to prevent this? Today, you have the power to make meaningful changes. At the very least, you could table the authorization until Save Inc. meets with the neighborhood to discuss and solve these issues or have an investigation on whether Save Inc. is actually in compliance with the terms of the contract.

Thank you for reading,

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