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Commissioner Nancy Goldenberg
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Dear Commissioner Goldenberg,

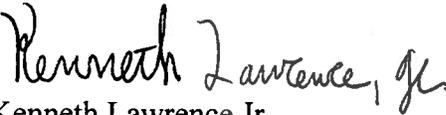
Thank you for your careful consideration and feedback on Temple University's proposal to use Fairmount Park land to develop a new rowing facility on Boathouse Row. At this time, we are withdrawing our proposal.

It was clear at the public hearing on January 16, 2013 that there were concerns from the Commission about Temple's proposed financial contribution to restore the East Park Canoe House in lieu of substitute land. We acknowledge this concern and would like to make sure it is addressed. Following the hearing, the Commission asked that we explore the redevelopment of the East Park Canoe House as a home for Temple rowing. We are still carefully exploring this option but are not in a position to make a commitment without further planning, consideration, and discussion with stakeholders that will take place through our Visualize Temple planning process.

We understand that because of the timing mechanism in the ordinance the Commission is eager to fulfill its duty and make a recommendation. Therefore, at this time we believe the best course of action is to withdraw our proposal to allow for further study of our options.

We look forward to continuing to work with you as we explore all options to secure a permanent home for our rowing teams on the Schuylkill River.

Sincerely,


Kenneth Lawrence Jr.

CC: Mayor Michal Nutter
Council President Darrell Clarke
Councilwoman Cindy Bass
Councilwoman Curtis Jones