



January 10, 2012

City Manager's Office
Troy Schulte
414 E. 12th Street
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Troy:

For the past few weeks I have attempted to contact your office in reference to support funds my organization POSSE received from the City. Unfortunately, I have been unable to speak with you to address concerns expressed to me in reference to a community event that P.O.S.S.E. is sponsoring.

I am in receipt of an email from Kimiko Gilmore, your Assistant City Manager, indicating that she "will not entertain me until I have sufficed the City". As a result of that email, I believe the only option left open to me is to contact you directly to discuss changes in the event.

When we began the planning of this event, our intentions were to bring Floyd Mayweather Jr., to Kansas City to promote youth living healthy & drug free and local boxing programs. However, based on conversations held with Eric Wesson of the Call newspaper and various women's groups, there was a general consensus that his background in regard to women and his recent prison sentence would mar the purpose of the event. In addition, I was told there would be a boycott by local women's groups if Mayweather Jr. was to come to Kansas City using tax payer's dollars. We also ran into obstacles with a local club owner preempting our event and bringing Floyd Mayweather Jr. to Kansas City prior to our engagement. This stirred up a lot of question and rumors about whether my intentions for bringing Mayweather Jr. was actually for a youth event or to bring him to a club. That to me was ridiculous since I have always been an advocate for youth for over 17 years and there is nothing in my past or present that says I am that type of leader, person or advocate.

In light of these circumstances, I spoke with Floyd Mayweather Sr. and he agreed to come in his place. He is well known for his efforts in promoting youth living a healthy lifestyle and drug free via his boxing program and profession. This change; however, required us to adjust the date of the event.

I firmly believe that I have conducted myself in a manner appropriate to fulfill what I feel is my obligation to this community. I have also taken into consideration the benefit this

type of event does for our youth and the programs that are necessary to help them stay on healthy and drug free pathways.

Despite these challenges, our event, , “Healthy and Drug Free Living”, will take place on April 5-6, 2013. This event will be hosted by boxing trainer and mentor Floyd Mayweather, Sr. and boxer Ladell Rose. There will be 1 community event each day with one located in the 3rd district and the other in the 5th districts of the City. We identified these two districts to ensure the event is accessible to everyone especially those affected by drugs and unhealthy lifestyles. In addition, there will also be speaking engagements at a local high school, visits to local businesses, and a luncheon hosted for Kansas City youth. I continue to seek an opportunity to speak with you before we commence with the event, but in the event we are unable to connect, please contact me at 816-220-7790 or by email at osscobolton@aol.com

Ossco Bolton, Director

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