

OLD SCHOOL SQUARE

A NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATION

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Dear Renee,

You are in possession of our legal response to the most recent CRA allegations that we failed to comply. What follows is our human response to this situation.

Thanks to the City's improper decision to terminate our lease and their failure to talk with us we are no longer the organization that we once were. We have no office, no program of work, and no employees. That said, we have spent countless hours over the past several months attempting to answer the CRA's questions as this has been a moving target since September. We have produced reams of documents, but the agency has consistently and predictably moved the bar.

Meanwhile, the campus that we created, helped to fund, and programmed for 32 years sits dark. The City was unsuccessful in replacing OSS through the RFP bid process, which no entity responded. The City was incapable of taking on the responsibility of the property and after wasting thousands of dollars of taxpayer money, is negotiating an agreement to hand the keys to the heartbeat of our community to a Boca Raton based non-profit. The truth is we no longer want to serve because until the politics change in this town, it is impossible to do so. Old School Square has been singled out to be bullied out of existence. That is the subject of our lawsuit, which we will continue to pursue.

For the record, we made every effort to comply with the CRA's requests ---which were always changing--because we were hopeful that the CRA would act fairly. We have produced clean audits and have a proud track record of success. We fulfilled our grant requirements. Now, we believe that there was never an intent to give us the grant monies we earned.

We sought that money so that when we prevail in court, we can return to serving our community. That service has always been what's driven us. But we find it impossible to serve in this atmosphere. Accordingly, we will no longer seek the grant funds that we earned by successfully fulfilling the terms of the grant.

Sincerely,

Patty Jones

Patty Jones
Chairman
Old School Square