



Milpitas Food Pantry

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Dear Mr. Williams ~

The Milpitas Food Pantry is very grateful for the support that the CDBG funding provides. In the last few years, as the City's award has dropped, we have gone from \$21,000 at the peak, down to \$7,825.95 in 2013-2014, and up a little to \$9,318 for 2014-2015.

While the community at large has been generous in donating food and clothing, our monetary donations have decreased dramatically and we find ourselves heading towards a crisis situation. Grants that were available a year or two ago have decreased in amount or have become unavailable to organizations such as ours. They now go straight to Second Harvest and larger entities and do not trickle down to pantries that focus on a particular city. Several pantries in Santa Clara County have already been forced to close their doors. We do not receive any financial support from Santa Clara County or City of San Jose, although we are responsible for helping residents of Milpitas and Alviso.

At the Community Advisory Commission last March, it was heartwarming that members of the commission understood how crucial we are to our residents and hoped to find a way to offer more funding. As the city reviews the process and makes decisions on the future distribution of funds, we are asking the City to consider rent relief as a solution, as an alternative to additional cash funding. A reduction in our rent would go a long way in helping us out.

We continue to seek other funding sources and opportunities. We are proud to be a resource center for all residents, not only clients. Thousands of hours of community service are performed by students as part of graduation requirements. We are seeing positive results in our work with our clients. Our needs are not extravagant and we operate on a very minimal budget. We offer so much in return for the families and individuals in our program - the children, seniors, disabled, homeless, jobless and under-employed who are struggling - more than just food and clothing, but other important items like hygiene and cleaning products, school supplies, uniforms, backpacks, and holiday baskets. We serve over 4,000 Milpitas residents, and nearly 40% of those we help are children under 18.

Please help us find a way to relieve some of the economic pressure we are under so we can continue serving our community. Having that safety net would be a huge burden lifted.

Most Sincerely,
Karen Werkheiser Kolander
Executive Director
Milpitas Food Pantry

March 3, 2015

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1440 South Main Street
Milpitas, CA 95035

RE: Amendment to Commercial Lease for 1440 South Main Street

Dear Karen:

The below item is Amended as follows from your original Commercial Lease Agreement dated May 17, 2011.

Your monthly rent payment will be reduced from One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$1,600.00) to One Dollar (\$1.00). All other terms and conditions in the amended Agreement remain the same.

3. RENT

Commencing on March 3, 2015, rent will be One Dollar (\$1.00) per month, payable in advance, upon the first day of each calendar month.

Please note that the number of designated parking spaces allocated for your business is three (3), and this lease provision will be strictly enforced due to increasing parking problems. Thank You.

“LESSOR”
City of Milpitas

Signature

Date

“LESSEE”

Karen Kolander

Date

“MANAGER”

Date