



Safeway Store Manager

5920 NE Martin Luther King Blvd
Portland, OR 97211

Dear Scott Collar:

It has come to the attention of the King Neighborhood Association that the litter and daily debris around Safeway impacts the livability and safety of the surrounding streets.

We recognize that effort has been made by Safeway to keep the area clean, and yet it is *not* clean.

Martin Luther King Boulevard and Simpson Street have many problems even more troubling than litter. Not long ago, a man ran from businesses on Simpson Street, turned and ran for his life on 6th Avenue, but was shot in the back multiple times by a passing motorist who wanted his drugs. The man died from gunshot wounds on his way to the hospital.

Neighbors near Safeway are affected by, and overwhelmed by such violent crimes, and have little recourse except for much-needed long-term investments in sustaining livability. Already, residents have more for sale signs out in front of their property in hopes of fleeing a troubled part of town. In time, it will affect your business as well, if it has not already done so. A member of our association, at our last meeting, recounted how she was robbed in front of her house because a man followed her home from the Safeway parking lot.

We need your business as a supportive community member, in our efforts to help neighbors live safely in our neighborhoods where we can all flourish. Will you clean up the area around your store and find ways to maintain cleanliness throughout the day? The Association is aware that when a neighborhood area does not keep up their property, we invite criminal behavior to move in. An abandoned, dirty area looks unwatched, just what criminals are looking for in transacting their business.

We are interested in your commitment in this matter and your participation. There is much to do and Safeway can be instrumental in making King neighborhood a safe place to live.

Please reply to our letter as you willingness to help matters to us.

Sincerely,

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