

Statement on 700 South Homeless Resource Center

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"THEORETICAL" RENDERING OF 700 SOUTH HOMELESS RESOURCE CENTER, ON THE CURRENT SITE OF DESERET INDUSTRIES

Central City Neighborhood Council welcomes new neighbors, urges community oversight of resource centers.

The Executive Board of Central City Neighborhood Council, which represents residents and business owners between State St. and 700 East, from South Temple to 1300 South, recognizes the moral imperative of Salt Lake City neighborhoods stepping up to help alleviate the human rights crisis occurring in the Rio Grande neighborhood and throughout our city.

While our neighborhood greets this challenge with optimism, we expect a greater degree of transparency and cooperation from the city and county moving forward. These new resource centers represent an opportunity to weave back into our community those who are most in need, but that can only be accomplished through a robust partnership between service providers, neighborhood residents, and local business owners.

It is crucial for the success of these resource centers and the health of the surrounding community that this engagement begin Day 1. We urge the city and the county to consider

the formation of community oversight boards for each new center, so that neighbors may have an active role in resource center programming and impact mitigation.

This is an opportunity to strengthen our communities while providing a crucial service to those in need. How we meet this challenge will define who we are as a city, and it is this board's hope that we will meet it in the spirit of unity.

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