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September 12, 2013

Via Hand Delivery

Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler
Vice Mayor Bruce G. Roberts
Commissioner Dean J. Trantalis
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Commissioner Romney Rogers
City of Fort Lauderdale
100 N. Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

Re: Proposed Fiscal Year 2014 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment -
Fire Rescue Assessment Fee

Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

The following letter is intended to supplement our letter to each of you dated yesterday, September 11, 2013.

For more nearly 150 years, The Salvation Army has been providing assistance to people with a variety of social and spiritual afflictions throughout the world. It has been serving Fort Lauderdale since 1926. In particular, the Adult Rehabilitation Center has served the community for nearly 50 years. The Fort Lauderdale Adult Rehabilitation Center is a long-term residential, faith-based, work-therapy program that is solely supported through the receipt, processing and sale of donated materials. Aside from receiving spiritual guidance as part of their recovery from alcohol and substance abuse, participants in the program engage in work-therapy on-site in every one of our buildings, allowing the participants to regain necessary life-skills.

All of The Salvation Army's Adult Rehabilitation Center properties are wholly exempt from ad valorem taxes. We are deeply concerned that our properties, for the very first time, are being assessed a Fire Rescue Assessment fee. Based on the lack of specificity in the TRIM notices provided by the City, we are unclear how our properties are both classified in terms of use and the specific unit of measurement applied. We believe that the City has applied the incorrect classification to the properties owned by The Salvation Army and which comprise the Adult Rehabilitation Center (located generally at 1901 and 1791 West Broward Boulevard) where such properties should be considered exempt. As such, The Salvation Army would like to formally object to the classification of any portion of our property that would allow an assessment of the Fire Rescue Assessment fee given its existing use.

As always, we thank you for your past support of The Salvation Army and look forward to your continued support in the future as it relates to this matter.

The Salvation Army

By: Deborah Hudson, Major

c: Lee R. Feldman, City Manager
Jonda K. Joseph, City Clerk