



Zoe Outreach Ministries

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The Honorable Mayor Gary Becker
Members of The Common Council
Racine, Wisconsin

Your Honor, Ladies and Gentlemen

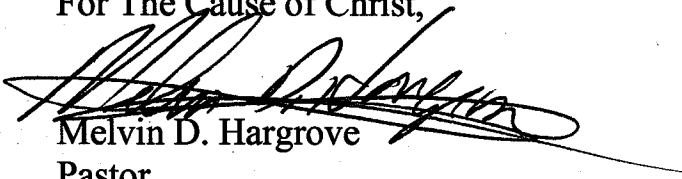
Greetings in the name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. My name is Pastor Melvin Hargrove of Zoe Outreach Ministries here in Racine. I respectfully request an appearance before the appropriate committee to discuss the waiving or reduction in fees for The Cesar Chavez Center. We are sponsoring a Christian Youth Summer Basketball League. This league is being held at the Cesar Chavez Center on Friday evenings from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM weekly. The League commenced on June 23, 2006 and climaxes with championship games on August 25, 2006. This league includes nine (9) other Racine area churches and is in its fourth (4) year in existence and this is the second (2) year at Cesar Chavez Center. I am asking for the city of Racine to partner with us as we attempt to provide an alternative setting for our youth. Zoe has carried the weight of the costs of this program for the last two years and can no longer maintain it financially with our resources alone. Basketball was only part of this summer program however because of lack of resources we had to cut out our tutoring and classes. We don't want to see the basketball league become the next victim. The rental of the gym is approximately \$2376 of which we have been able to raise almost \$1000 in contributions. We also have charged a fee for each participating team that mainly covers the cost of the team jerseys. Whatever you are able to do will help us tremendously. We need your help and partnership to make this league a success. In addition to the rental of the gym we are responsible for the fees for referees that will total \$2160. It is because of these financial burdens we are asking for a waiving or reduction in fees.

Refer Finance & Personnel



Thank you for your consideration of this request. I can be contacted at my office (262) 619-3027.

For The Cause of Christ,


Melvin D. Hargrove
Pastor