

GARY J. RASER

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Board of Trustees
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Gentlemen ...

As you know, I became involved in the possible purchase of the Central Baptist Youth Camp as a way to help a church that my entire family holds dear to our hearts, going back more than 30 years. Over the recent years I have seen the Church struggle with the significant financial burden of maintaining the Youth Camp, and was truly saddened to see the Camp close and unable to function these last two years due to the lack of funding for upkeep.

I have attempted to help the situation by addressing the needs of the Youth Camp in combination with an opportunity to have the Camp facilities used by an organization that connects veterans to farming. Organizations such as these assist veterans – including those suffering with traumatic injuries and/or PTSD - in assimilating to normal life, helping them to more quickly become productive members of society.

Unfortunately, we have run into many issues in our attempt to integrate these two needs, including in these two critical areas:

- We have been unable to identify and confirm a clear zoning determination that would allow for the housing of men and their families at the Camp for long periods of time. Without that zoning determined, we could face significant opposition to our plan from the community.
- Equally as important, we have not been able to get positive responses from the non-profit organizations that we could potentially partner with. Expressed interest and a commitment to the project does not appear to be forthcoming from them at this time.

Therefore, it is with deep regret that I have decided to end our attempt to take this process to conclusion, and to terminate the contract between us and request the return of my deposit. Though this opportunity has not worked out, my family and I continue to hold Central Baptist in the highest regard, and will also continue to support the Church financially, as we have for decades. We wish nothing but the best for the Church, its leadership and all of its members. I intend to more fully express that support in a subsequent letter.

Sincerely,



Gary J. Raser

cc: Dennis G. Corrick (via email)