

## Chew and Belfield Neighbors Club, Inc. (CBNC) (Founded in 1981)

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Charles Youngstrom, CEO Aldi, Inc. 1200 N Kirk Rd Batavia, IL 60510

Dear Mr. Youngstrom:

On behalf of residents in the Northwest section of Philadelphia, PA, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and to welcome Aldi to our neighborhood. My name is Rev. Chester H. Williams and I am a City of Philadelphia Block Captain and the President and Founder of the CBNC. My home of more than 35 years, is located just minutes from Aldi's newly slated location at 6301 Chew Avenue in Philadelphia, PA.

Over the past year, our community worked very diligently in establishing a partnership with the outgoing food market (Bottom Dollar Food) at this site and we were both shocked and disappointed to learn that they are leaving the neighborhood after only being in place for a little more than 1 year. We are in great need for a food market (such as yours) to continue at this location and we are looking forward to also working with Aldi, Inc as our incoming food market and community business partner. Our desire to work with you prompts many questions for which we are seeking answers:

- What are your intentions at this location?
- Will this site continue as a grocery store?
- Will Aldi retain the current employees?
- Will Aldi retain the same level of job slots to service this highly-traveled consumer corridor location? We are requesting that Aldi maintain the current employees that are working at this store, as there are employees who also live in the community they serve.

On 12/10/2014, the CBNC reached out to Aldi, Inc. and left our contact information with Ms. Karina at (630) 879-8100. To date, we have not received any notifications from anyone from Aldi concerning their plans to occupy the new site after January 1, 2015. On January 1, 2015, Bottom Dollar Food will cease to exist at this location. We need to know who will be maintaining the security and external cleanliness of this property during the transition. Please provide the name and 24/7 phone number of a contact person so that if something unsafe happens at the property during this transition, we will know who to contact.

For your information, the CBNC is a 501 (c)(3) community organization which represents the residents surrounding this site. The CBNC works to create a cleaner, safer and eco-friendly environment for the entire community. The CBNC also promotes educational and career opportunities.

We look forward to your prompt response to the questions and concerns noted above.

Gracefully submitted,

Rev. Chester H. Williams, President & Founder

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cc: Philadelphia Councilwoman, Cindy Bass State Representative, Stephen Kinsey State Representative, Rosita Youngblood State Senator Haywood