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Hon. Robert L. Butler, Mayor  
City of Marion  
1102 Tower Square  
Marion, IL 62959-2605

via Certified Mail

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I write to you on behalf of two Marion residents regarding the Ten Commandments issue. They are: Robert Donelson, a Wiccan, who lives at \*\*\* REDACTED \*\*\*, Marion, IL 62959-2106, and \*\*\* REDACTED \*\*\*, an atheist, who lives at \*\*\* REDACTED \*\*\*, Marion, IL 62959-2252.

Both of these residents object to the placement of a Ten Commandments monument at Tower Square, on the grounds that such displays should be placed on private, not public, property.

However, if the City chooses to allow a Ten Commandments display at Tower Square, Mr. Donelson demands to be allowed to erect, at Tower Square on an equal basis, a display about the Wiccan religious perspective, and Mr. \*\*\* REDACTED \*\*\* demands to be allowed to erect, at Tower Square on an equal basis, a display about the atheist perspective.

As I indicated at the August 16<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, the City may choose to allow all religious perspectives to be presented at Tower Square, or none at all. You just can't engage in viewpoint discrimination. Such discrimination would be unconstitutional and would result in a lawsuit for equal access and a lawsuit seeking millions of dollars in damages for the violation of Mr. Donelson's and Mr. \*\*\* REDACTED \*\*\* constitutionally guaranteed civil rights.

I look forward to the City's response.

Sincerely,