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Cityscape Detroit is a non-profit group that advocates investment, good urban planning, adaptive reuse of old buildings, green spaces, pedestrian friendliness, etc. in Detroit. Our membership is mostly composed of urban planners, architects, member of quasi-public development agencies, students of urban planning, and concerned residents. More information is available at our Web site: www.cityscapedetroit.org

The local papers have been writing about how ESL is apparently going to move Kmart's headquarters. As one of the officers of the group, I am writing to encourage you to move the headquarters of Kmart to downtown Detroit.

The city of Detroit doesn't have the greatest reputation, but there have been a lot of exciting, positive developments downtown over the past few years - the reputation is changing. Compuware built a fantastic new headquarters building; the 1.5 acre Campus Martius park is being completed in the center of downtown; GM has spent \$500 million on improvements to the Renaissance Center; the three mile long, beautiful river walk is being completed; there are new baseball and football stadiums; the big "Lofts at Merchants Row" is being completed; the "Lofts at Woodward Center" are finished; the 35 story Book/Cadillac building is being renovated for \$150 million; and more. It is a great location for business. It is exciting, cool, cultural, historical and attractive to talented people. It is much more appealing and has a higher status than the plain, boring suburbs.

Moving to downtown Detroit would also be less disruptive to the company's operations than moving to another state.

So, for the aforementioned reasons, move Kmart into a building in downtown Detroit or build a new Kmart headquarters in downtown Detroit. If we can be of any help facilitating that move, don't hesitate to ask.

Thanks in advance,

Andrew Koper