

June 3, 2005

Aylwin Lewis
President and CEO
Kmart Corporation
3100 W. Big Beaver Road
Troy, MI 48084

Aylwin:

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

Kmart's Michigan managerial presence has been downsized. As one of the officers of the group, I am writing to encourage you to return Kmart's remaining staff to it's roots and to downtown Detroit.

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" residential rehabilitation project is being completed; the big "Lofts at Woodward Center" are finished; the 35 story Book/Cadillac building is being renovated for \$150 million; the Woodward Ave., Washington Blvd., and Broadway St. streetscapes are being rebuilt into beautiful, friendly via's; 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.

Kmart can move into an existing building (I hear J. Walter Thompson is leaving Comerica Tower) or build a building better suited to the number of employees it has.

So, for the aforementioned reasons, move Kmart to downtown Detroit. If we can be of any help facilitating that move, don't hesitate to ask.

Thanks in advance,

Andrew Koper