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Dear Mayor Buddy Dyer,

Thanks so much for telling the Orlando Sentinel that you are willing to meet with the volunteers of **Orlando Food Not Bombs**. We are happy to accept your invitation to share meals and information at city hall and plan to start providing lunch once a week as soon as possible. Please bring your peppers. We would be honored to add them to our meal.

As you may know the anti -food sharing ordinance is not acceptable. We are happy to work with you but we can not agree to limit our accessibility to the public. Limiting our meals and message to twice a year per park will not work.

This is not the time to limit efforts to change society. Our economy is in crisis and hiding the problem is not a solution. In the world's wealthiest country where over 50 cents of every federal tax dollar is spent on war it is possible to change society so no one is forced to stand in line to eat at a soup kitchen; and all people have nutritious food to prepare in their own kitchen. This message should be expressed loud, often and with as much passion as possible. Moving our meal and message from park to park is not acceptable. **Orlando Food Not Bombs** looks forward to coming to an agreement.

Support for our effort is widespread. Many residence of Lake Eola Heights are attending our meals to show support. People from all over Orlando, the state of Florida, italy, Japan, United Kingdom and many other countries are asking us to continue. We will leave Lake Eola Park as clean or cleaner then we found it just as we have since starting our weekly meals. We also welcome local condominium owners and businesses to join us each week. **Orlando Food Not Bombs** welcomes your participation in our effort to end hunger and poverty.

Orlando Food Not Bombs asks that you:

Implement a moratorium on the arrests of people sharing food at Lake Eola Park.

Repeal Anti-food sharing ordinance 18A.09-2.

Drop the charges of those arrested and lift the trespass orders.

Agree to the group's request to a meeting between the Mayor and Food Not Bombs.

Repeal the ordinances that criminalize poverty in Orlando such as the panhandling zones, horizontal sitting and other laws directed at our poor.

Please contact us by Monday morning on June 20, 2011 to set up our meeting by calling our Hunger Hotline at 1-800-884-1136 or emailing <menu@foodnotbombs.net > We are eager to work for mutually satisfactory solutions to poverty in Orlando.

Thanks so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Orlando Food Not Bombs

(Adopted by Orlando Food Not Bombs at the Friday, June 10, 2011 meeting)