

## **Our Proposed Compromise Alternative**

### **Basically, we support Mercy.**

The neighbors who comprise our task force want to emphasize that we are supportive of Mercy Hospital as a medical facility. We are appreciative of their status as one of the top hospitals in the country. We want them to continue to serve the community as a full service acute care hospital.

### **We can't support the present plan.**

Our problem with the present plan is that it proposes an outsized regional heart center building, and to accomplish the hospital's goals, it provides for the removal of residential structures so the Sacred Heart School can be moved across 39<sup>th</sup> Street. That leaves about half the present school site as a surface parking lot, which is to be rezoned to H Hospital zone. We do not want this to happen.

### **We have listened to the Hospital and the School.**

We have in good faith spent countless hours in meetings and discussion considering Mercy's and Sacred Heart's objectives and balanced them with the neighborhood's needs and concerns. We have read, heard and listened to the needs of the hospital and the school.

### **We want to offer a compromise.**

As a result of our listening and discussion we all agreed that we needed to propose a compromise alternative plan. Like all compromises, it asks each side to give up some of what they want, but provides, overall, for a Win-Win-Win solution to the existing controversy.

### **Our compromise alternative proposal would:**

- Allow Mercy a new hospital building to replace their outmoded East and South Wings with our full support
- Allow Sacred Heart to have the identical brand new school buildings designed by their architect
- Meet many of Mercy's and virtually all of Sacred Heart's objectives
- Save the threatened residential structures and keep the hospital and the school structures on their current sites
- Preserve the threatened heritage trees
- Utilize the idle Mercy Care site for a new green space for use by the school, the community and residents of Mercy McMahon Terrace
- Through the new green space, provide for the hospital to give something back to the neighborhood at large – an element that has been missing