Take our Rams, we’ll boycott your Walmart

By DAVID COOK

Stan Kroenke and his Rams are long gone. And this city shouldn’t stand for it.

Kroenke, one of the wealthiest and most powerful owners in all of professional sports, said any NFL team that moves to St. Louis and the new world-class stadium we proposed will be “well on the road to financial ruin,” in his vicious proposal submitted to the NFL.

Forget for a moment Kroenke’s disregard for our city’s many strengths. Forget his stunning ability to ignore a passionate and engaged fan base. Forget his abject refusal to work with, or even communicate with, the community that hosts this football team. Forget the slap in the face it is to all of the hard-working men and women who took money out of their pockets to help support a team he tere apart.

Forget all of that and remember that Enos Stanley Kroenke made his first mark in the business world by partnering with the Walton family to build strip malls and Walmarts around the nation.

Kroenke, the “successful” businessman, was formed in the business world by partnering with the Walton family to build strip malls and Walmarts around the nation. Did he do it to make a profit? Of course, that’s what business is about. Did he do it to build the world’s largest consumer goods retailer? Of course, that’s what business is about.

Did he do it to help the communities and its workers? No, he did not. He did it to make a profit. That’s what business is about.

When the Walmart was built, Enos Stanley Kroenke was one of the most shameful corporate actors in America. He made a fortune on the backs of poor people and took money out of their pockets to help support a union member’s pocket. It’s a dime taken away from pension plans and health benefits every time you shop at Walmart, you’re only hurting yourself.

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Every time you shop at Kroenke’s Walmart you make a choice to support men like him. Every dime spent at Walmart is a dime out of the American Dream. If you make a choice to support men like him, you’re only hurting yourself.

That is the Walmart way. And, that is the Kroenke way. Walmart’s values are Kroenke’s values.

Payback time

Kroenke, always knowing this would be his window to one day abandon this city for greener pastures, is now doing just that, because that’s the cold-hearted business he knows.

His regard for St Louis taxpayers, small businesses, workers who will be impacted, left alone the fans, is absolutely nonexistent. In short, all Enos Stanley Kroenke has done is treat St Louis with the same contempt and cynicism that Walmart regularly treats communities and its workers.

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“Don’t put money in to the pockets of the people trying to take as much as they can out of yours. If Enos Stanley Kroenke doesn’t want anything to do with St Louis then so be it. Maybe it’s time St Louis had nothing to do with Walmart.”

It’s payback time for the man who left town.

Every single day the Local 655 staff work hard for their 10,000-plus partners to get them the best deal on the job. It’s payback time for the man who left town.

Just ask Jared Simons. Simmons recently bought a house, no easy tasking aid for dues-paying partners from UFCW locals around the country.

“Those who suffered major losses are possibly eligible for assistance from UFCW Local 655. Not only does our partnership with United Way of Greater St. Louis help us provide a dedicated 2-1-1 line to all of our partners in need of emergency relief, but Local 655 is currently exploring the option of requesting aid for dues-paying partners from UFCW locals around the country.

These floods had a major impact on some people’s lives and it’s pretty hard to worry about being at work on time when you’re home has been destroyed,” said UFCW Local 655 President David Cook. “We care deeply about the UFCW family and anyone who experienced a major loss or knows of someone that did should contact us so we can get involved and try to help in any way we can.

Gov. Jay Nixon declared a state of emergency during the heavy rains that brought floodwaters — particularly in the St. Louis area — to the same level or above those reached in the infamous 1993 floods. Major highway closures created significant delays across the city and property damage estimates will likely be in the millions of dollars.

Those in need of assistance or who know someone who may need emergency relief for major losses should call the Local Union Hall or call Mike Frame directly at 636-736-2765.

DAN KOTRABA of Schnucks Telegraph was one of the winners of our “ButtonUp” campaign. Just for wearing our button at work and submitting a photo of it during our contest, Kotraba won a free UFCW jacket. Hope it keeps you warm and dry, Dan!

Button up winner!