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My name is Michael Faricy. I have been a life long resident of the city of Saint Paul representing the fourth of what is now six generations. My wife and I purchased our first home in the spring of 1975 at 458 Holly Avenue, just a half block from 412. Our new home was designed and built by J. Walter Stevens in 1885. At the time of our purchase it was listed as an illegal fourplex. We paid the princely sum of \$10,000 for the property. I have lived in the Ramsey Hill area almost entirely since that time.

Ramsey Hill has become a tourist destination within the city of Saint Paul. The Commodore Hotel, St. Paul University Club, St. Paul Cathedral, W.A. Frost, Nina's Coffee, The Red Cow, Summit Ave, I could go on and on but everyone is aware of the neighborhood. 412 Holly plays an internal part in the neighborhood. A unique home with links to local architect Cass Gilbert it contributes not only to the sense of neighborhood but also to the uniqueness of Saint Paul. The exterior and interior speak of an age long gone yet sought, if only for an afternoon, by those who visit our city. As an alternative, one need only drive down Park Ave S. in Minneapolis. At one time a street similar to Summit Ave now a mess of nondescript structures added one at a time over the course of the past seventy years until an entire area has fallen victim to a plague of despair.

Daniel Wagers, owner of 412 Holly has been working under an incredible deadline to bring the property off the city's category 3 status. There have been dumpsters filled and removed from the property. Items have been removed from the house. There are multiple individuals waiting in the wings to purchase the property and return it to it's original glory and an increased property tax the moment they can purchase. It would seem that the only sensible and prudent option would be to permit Daniel Wagers to continue his progress and thereby spare our neighborhood and the city the loss of yet another irreplaceable property.

Thank you for your consideration.

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