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St. Paul City Council Members,

It has come to my attention that certain property owners, within 350 feet of Freedom House, have received notification of an agenda item at the May 4, 2022 City Council Meeting.

I am a resident at Irvine Park Tower, which is definitely within 350 feet. I may not own my unit, but my wife and my concerns are just as valid as any property owners.

Anyway, I want to make my strong objection to the action the council is proposing. The mayor's Covid-19 emergency order is no longer in effect, meaning Freedom House is no longer needed and should close or move from the current location immediately, but no later than May 9, 2022.

Also, these notices were mailed on April 21, 2020 which also corresponds to the date written arguments are due. This takes away any rights we as property owners and residents have regarding to object to your proposed actions!

This just continues this City Council's utter disregard for it's constituents wishes. All of you keep proving that your ideas and wants are more important than the same from the people who elected you. It is beyond disgusting and all of you should be removed for dereliction of duty.

This seems to me to be the equivalent of throwing a hissy fit because a judge ruled, and rightly so, in favor of the businesses and residents of the West 7th neighborhood.

Crime continues at a high level every day. The Irvine Park Tower building has been threatened, vandalism to part of the tunnel system to the blue ramp took place on Easter Sunday, cars are being broken into, drug use and dealing goes on for all of us to witness. It sickens me to see how bad my neighborhood of 28 years has become.

All of you are responsible for this personally as well as professionally.

It is time to do the right thing and allow Freedom House to close by May 9, which corresponds to Judge Diamond's ruling.

I remain a seriously concerned citizen.

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Sent from my iPhone