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Sent: Sunday, July 01, 2012 5:54 PM
To: Brendmoen, Amy (CI-StPaul); #CI-StPaul_Ward5
Cc: Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul)
Subject: July 3 Appeal on 1205 and 1225 Westminster

Amy,

Thank you so much for all you have done to assist the residents at 1205 and 1225 Westminster. Having worked with Marcia for 10 years, no one knows better than me the level of careful analysis and compassionate application of the codes she exercises in making her recommendations to the council.

I write now, because I have learned through Leslie McMurray that you have been involved in trying to find options for the residents to move and social services to assist them in transition. I'm sure you have learned that there is very little that the residents actually timely qualify for to help them through this crisis.

As I'm sure you know, District 5 and SMRLS have successfully filed an emergency tenants remedy action for these tenants, which will be heard by a judge on July 12.

In her appeal recommendation to SMRLs and the Minnesota Tenants Union, Marcia references the city's willingness to delay vacation action with the successful filing of a TRA: "The appellant(s) request, that if the buildings are found condemnable, the vacate date be rextended as far into the future as practicalbe, in order that other remedies may be sought...at the time of the legislative hearing, no action had been filed in district court. Tovah Flygare, [of SMRLS] indicated I would be informed of such actions arising from that office..."

I write to you today to ask you to consider delaying any action on the appeal before you, until the TRA has been heard and acted upon by Ramsey County Courts. As you know, these residents deserve every opportunity to pursue their rights.

As many of your colleagues so eloquently stated on Dec.21, 2011 when these orders were before the City, the property owner should feel the heavy hand of the City enforcing code requirements, not the residents who have been victimized by these property owners.

Thank you so much for your consideration. Don't hesitate to call me if you wish to discuss this.

Jane