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To: Mai Vang and City of St Paul MN Office of City Council

Subject: Response to Assessments for clean up on Herbert St.

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I have tried to do everything I can think to get the undesirables off my property on Herbert St, St Paul MN:

- I tried to talk to them and was either ignored or told "Know NO English" and ignored,
- When I had to clean it myself, I was at the messy site and a police officer was in the neighborhood and came over to tell me "it is too dangerous for you to be cleaning up this by yourself. There are a lot of good homeless and immigrants but there are a lot of bad ones too."
- I tried many, many times to call the police office to report campers trespassing on my private property. I was told they would report it. My calls were in vain.
- I put up several signs informing people that "This property: was PRIVATE PROPERTY and DO NOT TRESSPASS. VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED" and "NO CAMPING ALLOWED". These were all promptly ignored and removed and destroyed. When the police removed the violators, to my knowledge they were never prosecuted. The city ordered me to clean up the mess (which is not even visible to legitimate persons) OR I will be assessed for the clean up charges.

Since the city doesn't want to prosecute these violators, the city chooses to prosecute ME as the villain of this crime and access me for the cost!

The cost of the homeless and immigrants to the city should be borne by all people in the city (probably sales tax or property tax) NOT the individual property owners!!!

If individual property owners are held responsible, there are some things they can do that maybe undesirable but LEGAL.