

Mai Vang - Espinosa - Personal Statement

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Dear Ms. Shaff,

It is my hope that this email will clarify the facts regarding my family home situation. My name is Armantina Malvarez Espinosa. I am a pediatric neurologist. My family and I moved to St.Paul in 1987 when I came to the University of Minnesota Medical School for my fellowship in Pediatric Neurology. My then husband, Carlos Enrique Espinosa, worked at St. Paul Ramsey Medical Center, in Neurology in clinical research for stroke programs. We have lived in St. Paul since then.

211 Kim Place, St.Paul, has been our family home since 1993 when I purchased the house. I have lived there with my 3 children Paul, Laura, Amanda, my then husband, Carlos, and his mother, "Aba Elena" (grandma Elena), who has been like a mother to me. Carlos and I divorced in 1997 after 25 years of marriage. Due to family circumstances and health reasons, Carlos and I remained in the same home until December 2006, when I was able to purchase a home in Minneapolis and moved out.

I have continued to pay for all expenses at 211 Kim Place, St.Paul (mortgage, taxes, utilities, repairs, etc.) as it is my family's home. We are divorced, but I consider we are family. My son Paul, Carlos, and Aba (grandma, now 101 years old), live there.

Aba Elena (grandma) has Parkinson's Disease and has had strokes, incapacitating her tremendously. She receives nutrition by gastric tube, she is bed ridden and cannot communicate. Paul and Carlos take meticulous care of her 24/7. My daughters, Amanda and Laura visit her weekly, and help with house chores.

211 Kim Place is my home. My family lives there. It is not a rental property, it has never been, and I was never contacted to be asked if it was.

The repairs at 211 Kim Place are all being completed and all items fully done. Regarding permits for past jobs done, I was never aware permits were necessary, as all jobs were commissioned to reputable companies, and no one mentioned permits. It is surprising to find out trusted companies didn't follow due diligence and now my home has been condemned. These permits have been requested and obtained as Carlos has contacted the companies providing the services.

It is my intention to always be fully in compliance with all the requirements for our home at 211 Kim Place. I must tell you that there has been an extraordinary amount of angst and distress after your inspector's visit. I trust I have been able to convey the facts and circumstances as they are, and our sincere intention to continue to be good citizens and neighbors. I thank you for your attention and kindness.

Best,

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