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Ms. Marcia C. Moermond
Office of the City Council
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Ste. 310, City Hall
St. Paul, MN 55102-1615

Re: Assessment Payment
File No. J1107C/Assessment No. 118029
Property Address: 822 Prior Ave. No. (28-29-23-34-0087)

Dear Ms. Moermond:

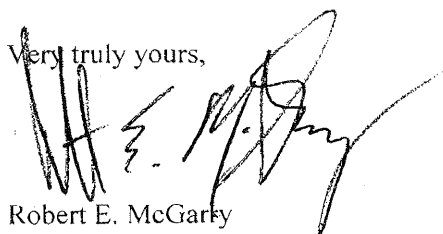
I represent Ms. Betty M. Overton, owner of the above-identified parcel. I attended a hearing on this assessment in front of you on April 5, 2011. My understanding from the hearing was that you were going to recommend to the city council that the assessment be levied on the property. The city council is scheduled to consider this assessment on April 20, 2011.

We discussed options of either having it abated due to the fact that my client is legally blind or allowing her to pay it off over time with interest. I have explored the possibility of having the assessment abated due to her disability but she is not eligible for this because the property is not her homestead. Because of her ineligibility, I would request that you recommend that this assessment be allowed to be paid off with her taxes over time.

I would request that the time for repayment be as long as is allowed. My client is in her late 80s and has lost an income stream due to the loss of rent from the building. Also, at this time, her insurer has taken the position that this assessment will not be a covered loss under her policy. Therefore, she will have to pay this assessment out of her own pocket. Both these factors have led to this request for an extension of time to pay the assessment.

Please contact me or have your staff contact me if you have any questions or need anything further.

Very truly yours,


Robert E. McGarry

REM/bm
cc: Ms. Betty M. Overton