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Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 1:35 PM
To: Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul)
Subject: FW: Appeal for assessment for 613 Jessamine Ave East

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Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 1:23 PM
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Scott,

This is from item #72 Legislative Hearing tonight.



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Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 1:17 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward6
Cc: Bostrom, Dan (CI-StPaul); Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Appeal for assessment for 613 Jessamine Ave East

Dear City Council Dan Bostrom,

I need help to reduce half of my abatement assessment from \$450 to \$225. Appreciated if you can help me to address it at the City Council meeting tonight since i am not able to attend.

Dear City Councils,

I am so sorry that i cannot attend today's appeal due to my schedule conflict tonight with my band rehearsal. But i appreciate your attention to my appeal. I would like to request a half reduce for my penalty assessment from \$450 to \$225 due to my best effort to handle the abatement and sincere cooperation with the city.

The original complaint was my rental property located at 613 jessamine Ave East, St Paul was having two trash bags by the trash cart and plastic boxes, igloos, toys, and miscellaneous trash around the front yard and back yard. I have a very irresponsible renter that he told me that he would take care and cleanup everthing. A night before the re-inspection i called him and he promised me to take care the abatement. On the reinspection day i stopped by around 2:00pm and discovered he only taken care some trash and added three more trash bags (a total of 5 bags). Then I and my mom personally cleanup the yards and removed the plastic boxes, toys and two additional bags of trash i collected and hauled away with my Honda CRV.

After i called the inspector Seeley and she told me that she already put a work order to remove the trash bags/plastic boxes and she would not cancel the work order. So i called my trash company Republic Services to pickup the extra bags the next day but the receptionist cannot guaranteed the pickup since the trash day already picked up the area. The receptionist mentioned that she will try her best. Also i have called inspector Seeley and left a voice message about the situation.

The next day i checked with renter and he said the trash bags were gone. I didnt received further phone call from Inspector Seeley about it. So i thought the abatement was fine.

Now i am billed with \$450. I tried to explained to the Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond on November 7, 2017 but she doubted about my true story and looked at Inspector Seeley shaking her head. The Hearing Officer has predetermined opinion about me because i had other encounters with her with different properties in St Paul. Marcia believed that the trash bags should be picked up already on the trash day. The true is the trash company will not pickup extra trash bag unless it is pre-authorized. I did called Republic Trash Service to pickup the extra trash bags.

I am a hard working Asian American with college graduated degree. I dont simply make up story. I have tried my best to follow up the abatement and since drive by my property every week to inspect the property. So far for the last few months i have no complaint for this property.

When i sat at the Legislative hearing, i see other similar cases get some breaks for the violation when owners showed good effort to take care the abatements. \$450 is a very expensive penalty for me. Considering my best effort and sincere cooperation, I would like to request a half reduce for my penalty assessment from \$450 to \$225. I hope that you will consider my situation and vote for my favor.

Best Regards,
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