

To: Jerry Morgan Sr.
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From: Tri Area Block Club
c/o District 6 Planning Council
213 Front Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55117
Re: 68 West Jessamine Avenue
Date: December 15, 2009

The members of the 16-square-block Tri Area Block Club are sure that you share our interest in making our neighborhood a good place in which to live. Even though you do not reside at 68 West Jessamine Avenue, we are confident that you are interested in protecting and improving the value of your investment and that you realize that safe and attractive neighborhoods mean higher real estate values.

The block club actively works with the Saint Paul Police Department, the City of St. Paul Department of Safety and Inspections, and the District 6 Planning Council, as well as with area residents in order to deal with issues that include crime, drugs, noise, unkempt property, and similar problems. Beyond protecting our property, we care about our community as a place in which to live and to raise our children.

With this in mind, we would like to share our concerns with you regarding your property at 68 West Jessamine Avenue. Unfortunately, many of your tenants have been a source of problems in our neighborhood. This includes drugs, noise, arson, criminal and gang activities, and problem behaviors. Prior to any future rental, we hope you will make an effort to properly screen potential tenants and work with City resources concerning lease provisions (such as the enclosed Crime Free Lease Addendum) that protect you, the tenants, and the neighborhood.

Residents are committed to improving the quality of life in the neighborhood and will continue to monitor and report all problems. Helpful resources such as landlord training workshops are available through the St. Paul Police Department Crime Prevention Unit to assist property owners. We hope we can rely on your cooperation so that these problems/issues do not reoccur. Thank you.

cc: Lee Helgen, St. Paul City Councilmember, Ward 5
Pat Fish, St. Paul Fire Department, Problem Behavior Team
Senior Commander John Vomastek, St. Paul Police Department Central District
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