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To Whom this May Concern:

The purpose of this correspondence is to alert the hearing officer of an unfortunate change in circumstances regarding this file. On Thursday, December 9th, in the late afternoon Ms. Lorie Miller was notified that the proposed partners were backing out of the deal. Since Thursday, we have been frantically trying to resuscitate the proposed deal but to no avail.

This is extremely disappointing for several reasons. First, Ms. Miller had other prospective buyers/partners, but she shut them down on my advice. Once we had reached an agreement with Sam and Lee it was my advice to not entertain other offers to avoid a future lawsuit. Ms. Miller has instructed me to bring litigation against Sam and Lee for the breach of contract. Second, this has caused a significant delay in the rehab of the project and has completely wrecked the current plan which we had spent months trying to put together.

At this point Ms. Miller is proposing a new plan in which she will rehabilitate the property on her own. Attempting to deal with other parties has simply lead to further setbacks regarding this property. I am attaching a letter from the bank showing that Ms. Miller has adequate funds to start the process and clear the initial issues. I would also like to point out that this is within the scope of work where Ms. Miller is comfortable having rehabilitated at least three homes in St. Paul prior to the pandemic.

Finally, I would like to assure the city and the inspector that Ms. Miller is in a position to handle this issue and is taking it very seriously. When I started representing Ms. Miller there was an HRO action, health problems for her and her family and numerous civil cases. At this time all of this has been resolved and this issue has Ms. Millers sole attention.

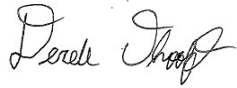
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This is in no way an attempt to delay the proceedings or otherwise play games with the City. It was Ms. Miller's intention to be mostly resolved with this case at the next hearing and this development has completely derailed that intent.

Thank you for considering my request and feel free to contact me with any questions at 651-485-1254 or by email at thooflaw@gmail.com.

Sincerely,



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