

Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul)

From: Brian Rosenberg <rosenbergb@macalester.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 12:06 PM
To: Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul)
Subject: 1669-1659 Grand Avenue

Dear Ms. Moermond,

I understand that tomorrow you will be hearing the case regarding the condemnation and potential demolition of 1669-1659 Grand Avenue. First, I want to thank you for your attention to this property, which has become an increasing hazard in an otherwise wonderful neighborhood. Second, I want to emphasize that, in the view of Macalester, it is past time for the building to come down. Time after time after time, the city has cited the property owners and asked for or mandated repairs and improvements. During the past seven months, there has been absolutely no effort on the part of those owners to improve the situation but instead a strikingly contemptuous disregard for the city and their neighbors.

As I have written before, that property is literally surrounded by buildings in which Macalester students are housed. The safety of those students is something I think about every single day. Surely there must come a point by which all of us say "enough."

Thank you for listening.

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