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**From:** Racquel Naylor  
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Thank you for this information, Racquel!

Richard has been unable to pay his Xcel bill for the last few months due to his physical disabilities which make him unable to work. This means the only source of income he's receiving is around \$500 each month from Social Security. He was aware of the notice to vacate on 09/03/25, and we have been trying to get access to resources to help him be able to pay his bill.

Steps we are taking:

- Richard applied for an Appeal on the Notice to Vacate
- We applied for Cash Programs and Emergency Assistance
- We are in the process of applying for Energy Assistance
- I reached out to a funding org who said they can pay \$200 of his bill
- I am getting in touch with Xcel's PAR Department to find out how much of the Xcel bill Richard needs to pay in order for his lights to turn back on
- I am also going to let PAR know about Richard's medical equipment that he needs to have power in his house to use; we will also obtain a Dr's note stating this
- I also want to bring up the 'Heating Rule' to PAR which requires power to be turned on in people's homes during the cold weather months
- I am reaching out to Legal Aid and SMRLS for a Housing Attorney
- We have started a GoFundMe for Richard and have raised some money already
- I have reached out to our Housing Department at Neighborhood House and one of my colleagues will be presenting Richard's case to the St. Paul Foundation which may be able to pay \$1k- \$1.5k towards Richard's Xcel bill
- We will be contacting Xcel to set up a payment plan to pay off the bill asap, in a way that aligns with Richard's income

Thank you!

KJ Holec, NH Family Center Coach

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**From:** Racquel Naylor <[racquel.naylor@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:racquel.naylor@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>

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KJ Holec,

Per our conversation, the Legislative Hearing for 954 Otto Avenue will be on Thursday, October 2, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 330 of the City Hall/Courthouse, 15 Kellogg Boulevard West, Saint Paul, MN 55102.

As I said, if you have information to provide to the Legislative Hearing Officer, please use the email address above. Note that all correspondence sent to this address is public information that anyone can see. This correspondence will also be included in a future City Council meeting when this issue is before them for consideration.

Have a good day.

Racquel Naylor

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