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**From:** Joel Stiras <jstiras@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 3, 2021 3:00 PM  
**To:** Assessments (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** Re: Ratification of assessment, 869 Jenks Ave

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That is perfect. I apologize for missing dates and misreading the information. Thank you so much for your assistance.

Joel Stiras

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**From:** Assessments (CI-StPaul) <Assessments@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 1, 2021 3:51 PM  
**To:** Joel Stiras <jstiras@hotmail.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Ratification of assessment, 869 Jenks Ave

Hello Mr. Stiras,

Since you missed the original hearing, I will reschedule you for a Legislative Hearing on February 16, 2021 at 10 a.m. via telephone. I will call you between 10 am and 12 noon at your number listed below.

Thanks.



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**Mai Vang**

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**From:** Joel Stiras <jstiras@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 1, 2021 12:09 PM  
**To:** Assessments (CI-StPaul) <Assessments@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Subject:** Ratification of assessment, 869 Jenks Ave

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in response to the letter regarding the ratification of assessment at my rental property located at 869 Jenks Ave, St Paul, MN 55106. File #J2014A, Assessment #208513. I was pleasantly surprised to see this letter and am writing plead my case and to appeal to the City Council prior to the next public meeting on February 3, 2021. The unfortunate situation at my rental property is troublesome.

The tenant living at my property has suffered multiple hardships and those hardships continue to impact me. Originally, she was living in the house with her husband and son. Her husband has been deported and her son has mostly moved out to attend college in Wisconsin. She is an older woman living in the house alone, and has had multiple summary abatement orders issued at the house to pick up garbage and furniture that has been getting dumped adjacent to the garage in the alley. She has had nothing to do with this garbage and is ill equipped to deal with it when it happens. There is a language barrier and she has reached out to the inspectors when the abatement orders are received. She is not always able to convey her issue very fluently and expresses her frustration that this keeps occurring. The neighbors in the area see the repeated dumping and it seems to be known that a problem house a few doors down often times is the culprit of the dumping.

My tenant has struggled to pay rent. It was a common occurrence for my tenant to pay rent late, but it usually got paid. She was a little behind when the pandemic hit. She told me she lost her job during the pandemic and I have not received any payment of any type since February of 2020, when she was already behind. Since the governor has issued the order restricting evictions in Minnesota, I have received no payments from my tenant and I am unable to evict her. In the meantime, I continue to pay the mortgage, assessments, garbage bills, and continually get late notices and sometimes assessments for her delinquent water bill. Then the furnace failed in the fall of 2020 and I had to pay \$1,000 to repair it so she could continue to live there rent free without fear of eviction. She currently owes me well over \$10,000 in rent, bills, abatement orders, and repairs.

I have gone above and beyond to maintain a quality living experience for my non-paying tenant. There was a brief moment where there was an assistance grant for landlords in Ramsey County. There was no deadline advertised for the program and as I went to apply for assistance, the funds had already been exhausted. I don't rent that house to make money. I used to live there and I have been renting it to keep paying the mortgage until there was a time when it financially made sense to sell the house. I have continued to pay the bills and maintain the property without any financial assistance from the government during the pandemic. If there is a chance for forgiveness on the \$450 clean-up bill that was assessed to my property taxes for someone else dumping garbage on my property (which I have already paid and have not been reimbursed by the tenant), I think I would be a good candidate.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Joel Stiras  
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