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To: *CI-StPaul_LegislativeHearings
Subject: FW: 65-67 Winifred St West Saint Paul - Appeal Hearing Scheduled for July 16th 2019 2:30 - Abe Gleeson
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Hello Councilmember Jane Prince and Rebecca Noecker and/or anyone who this may concern,

On 4/18/19 I purchased a property located at 65-67 Winifred St West on Saint Paul's West Side. This is a very unique commercially zoned property, formerly Schluckebier's Butcher shop. This is a restoration project that I am very proud of and passionate about. I was informed when I purchased the property that 65 Winifred was a Category 1 Vacant Building – When I contacted the City Safety and inspections department I was told that to get out of the category 1 status I needed to have all the utility's working, Pay the Vacant building fee and have A Truth in Sale of Housing inspection preformed.

When I returned home from a week long family road trip through South Dakota over the 4th of July, I discovered that the property was upgraded to a Category 2 vacant building. I have attached photos of the interior and exterior of the property. I have worked extremely hard to get to this point and am very disappointed.

I am appealing the decision to upgrade the property to category 2 status and am completely confident within 60 days that this property will be complete and will be an asset to the Riverview Neighborhood and Stryker corridor.

The hearing date and time is July, 16th at 2:30 PM.

Thank you very much in advance for you help.

Please feel free to reach out with questions and thank you for all the work you do to make this the best city in the planet!

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Letter from Neighbor –

July 11, 2019

My name is John Ostby. I live at 77 Winifred St. W. in Saint Paul. I would like to tell you about the improvements I have seen in the past weeks to the property at 67 Winifred St. W. Before its recent improvements the property was an eyesore. There was significant clutter in the yard. The trees and shrubs were overgrown. The nearby street drain was always clogged with debris and when it rained the corner was a large puddle. The buildings were rundown. The siding was faded and missing. Squirrels were living in the attic. The property had a look of neglect. Over the past weeks there have been significant improvements to the site. The yard has been decluttered and cleaned. The trees and shrubs are trimmed. The corner street drain is cleared of debris. The siding has been replaced, repaired and ready for painting. The new owner has also taken old, unneeded items out of the property and disposed of them. I have often seen the new owner and workers at the site working and making progress in improving the property. In walking by, I have talked with the workers and new owner and found them pleasant and hopeful that what they are doing is making an improvement. It certainly has. The property now exhibits a look of care and attention. My neighbors along the street have also noticed the improvements. The change at 67 Winifred has come up in my conversations with them. The neighbors and I appreciate the work that has already been accomplished at the property and are thankful that the new owner is there and making great improvements.

I have recently noticed that my neighbors are giving some added attention to how their own property is looking. Lawns are mowed a little more often; new plants are set out in their yards; there are vegetables growing in raised planters along the street. I appreciate the work that has already been accomplished at 67 Winifred and look forward how that corner will continue to benefit our neighborhood with its appearance and new look of care and attention.

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