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134 Maria
To: The Saint Paul City Council and Hearing Officer

From my understanding the city of Saint Paul Fire and Safety inspectors office has listed 134 Maria as a category 2 vacant building due to code violations and safety concerns about the condition of the property. We are aware that the owner and tenants are appealing the city's decision. I am writing to request that the Board uphold the city's decision.

The owner, Mr. Moore, will present a good case to all of you that he is an elderly gentleman who is trying the best he can to maintain the two rental properties he owns and is unaware of the problems that his tenants cause to the neighborhood. Please do not let Mr. Moore fool you, he is well aware of what happens at his properties. In fact, he has a lengthy history of poorly maintaining his properties, doing substandard repairs without building permits, and renting to tenants that cause ongoing problems.

One of his tenants, Mr. Daniels is likely to also share with you a sob story about his illness and the lack of anything wrong with the property at 134 Maria. The truth about Mr. Daniels is that he has a lengthy criminal record with numerous UD's on his record. His conduct and history are really what prevent him from finding another place to live.

On behalf of my family and the neighborhood, please stick to the ongoing facts pertaining to the property, which are as follows:

Mr. Moore has been cited numerous times by the city for the lack of maintaining the property at 134 Maria to the bare minimum standards set out in the city code. He has had numerous chances to understand and correct the issues and has failed to do so. There have been 73 police calls to the property in just the past two years for things including major disturbances and drugs. Mr. Daniels and his family have been responsible for most of these instances. The city inspector had found the property at 134 to be in violation and be a safety concern.

We live in fear of the residents that reside at this address and the activities they bring to the neighborhood. The city is making the right decision by listing the building as a category 2 vacancy for the city and the neighborhood.



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