

## Kantner, Libby (CI-StPaul)

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**Sent:** Saturday, August 13, 2016 8:49 PM  
**To:** Kantner, Libby (CI-StPaul)  
**Cc:** chris@christtolbert.org; Patrick J. Kelly  
**Subject:** 1672 Thomas Ave Appeal  
**Attachments:** 1672 Thomas Ave.Bennett Ltr.8-7-16.pdf

I have been slowly renovating a property at 1672 Thomas Ave. The property has been vacant for a couple of years as I have been conducting a renovation and have been making improvements as I am able financially. I prefer not to have to borrow funds to complete the project. As I have passed the one year vacancy time limit I have been notified that a significant assessment be made against the property. In early august I appealed the 90 day completion time frame. Attached is the recommendation that will be made to the Council at their meeting on August 17, 2016. Below is my response to the recommendation. Please ask Chris if there is a vote regarding the recommendation from the Legislative Hearing Officer regarding the property that it be delayed until I can appeal the recommendation at the next scheduled meeting in september. Thank you.

Thank you for forwarding the recommendation from the Legislative Hearing Officer regarding my renovation project at 1672 Thomas Avenue. After reviewing the recommendations and comparing them to my notes there are a few differences. I understood that I would be granted 6 months to complete the renovation of the property to occupancy standards. Additionally I would be as you indicated be allowed to pull permits if needed beyond those that are currently open to complete the project. I also understood that the assessment would not be processed until the six month period expired. I also believed that if I was not completely done with the project that I may be granted further time if good faith was shown by my actions.

Unfortunately I am traveling all of next week and will be unavailable to attend the City Council Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 17th. Therefore I request that I be permitted to appeal to the Council at their next regularly scheduled meeting that would ordinarily schedule hearing these matters.

I also ask that you immediately confirm this request as I would prefer not to find representation on this matter. Thank you for your assistance and consideration regarding this matter.

Thank you,

Bruce C. Bennett