

To: Legislative Hearing Officer
From: Tri Area Block Club
c/o District 6 Planning Council
Re: Removal of 68 West Jessamine Avenue
Date: March 4, 2011

The members of the 14-square block Tri Area Block Club strongly support the removal of the structure at 68 West Jessamine Avenue. This property lies within our block club boundaries.

In the time that the current owner has had this property, it has spiraled into decay at an alarming rate. Code inspections confirm our observations that this property has deteriorated beyond financial viability. The interior has been decimated and at one point, people were living in it after the water service was terminated. In addition to the structural deficiencies, this property had a negative impact on the neighborhood and was a nuisance even before becoming vacant due to the problem behaviors of the tenants. The block club worked with the District 6 Planning Council, DSI, and the police to address the myriad of code violations and criminal activities associated with this property. The best solution is to remove this blighted, dangerous structure.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.