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Subject: Testimony for 1146 Edgerton May 17th 330pm

Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 9:00:24 AM

Hello

I'd like to appear by phone tomorrow at 330pm

My name is Christina Harding and I am the property manager for Lynn Huynh, owner, whom lives in CA.

1146 Edgerton has been an ongoing problem.

Tenants were being evicted and called the city in retaliation for that. They destroyed the unit and exterior then called the city to complain.

It's important to note the fire inspectors notes in her first inspection. The unit was plum full of crap, garbage, and excessive personal property.

I had ongoing issues with them having excessive amounts of metal and junk in the yard, that I received numerous letters from the city on.

When I would come over to clean up the yard after they refused, my life was threatened by these tenants. They were on drugs and extremely unapproachable/hostile.

I evicted them and the sherriffs lockout was Jan 26. I then had a lot of issues finding a reliable maintenance person to come fix the items on the list.

It turns out this fire inspector was brand new and her boss Leamna Shaaf and I, did not agree on some things so she decided to send Sarah back for a full fire inspection, as she claims, the lower tenant(which is still occupied) says Noone ever came to her unit though.

Regardless about 20 more items were added to the list INCLUDING a structural engineers report for the addition on the back of the duplex. A porch and very small bedroom above. I called several structural engineers and most didn't work in residential, for the ones that actually called me back. I was able to get a construction conpany out that specialized in structural issues. He told me it needed to come down, there was no repairing it, but he would not write me a report. The structural engineers I did speak to were charge in access of \$3000. So we decided to just go ahead and get it removed.

It's important to note all items interior are done.

It's just exterior that still needs to be done.

Total costing about \$25k

The contractor needing half upfront. Now considering this owner hasn't received rent for almost a year from tenants that were evicted and she has to come up with money like this. *also the lower unit was vacant for awhile(I couldnt rent it with the type of tenant that was upstairs) and homeless kept breaking in and ruining walls, windows, interior that also needed a lot of money to repair)

The city should be trying to work with St Paul owners not make things worse when they don't have the money to make huge repairs like this.

We applied for the permit to begin May 5th and still have yet to receive it because the city is so far behind. So at this point I am requesting until June 30th to make sure all items are complied with.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Christina Harding Harding Property Management For Lynn Huynh 651-246-5810