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To: Heather Linehan
Cc: *CI-StPaul_CC-Ward5; *CI-StPaul_LegislativeHearings; Richard Kedrowski
Subject: RE: 973 Front Avenue - Amber Duncan
Date: Tuesday, December 31, 2024 2:46:29 PM
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Good afternoon Ms. Linehan,

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Thanks,
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I appreciate you all taking the time to read this. I know it's A LOT. We just wanted to provide more context to you and have you aware that Amber's problems go so far beyond "just garbage and hoarding."

One final thing: Should this email be used as an attachment to the January 7 hearing, or any other public facing matter, I would ask that my name/email be redacted and not publicly shared. Amber is extremely volatile and retaliatory and I fear she would lash out in some fashion at me, or any other neighbor for that matter (or worse, rile up and encourage the kids to do something).

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We think Amber's been given so many opportunities to turn things around and she simply doesn't do anything to fix the problem. Her answer to problems is avoid and sit in her van smoking weed with children and teens. That's her day to day. Every single day. Not once have we seen her go into her packed, double car garage and start going through things to throw in the dumpster. Not once have we seen her carrying things out of her house to throw in the dumpster. It's always her kids (and the random kids living there) or sister doing the heavy lifting. By her own admission, her mom pays for a lot of things. A lot of enabling of Amber happening in that family.

I appreciate you all taking the time to read this. I know it's A LOT. We just wanted to provide more context to you and have you aware that Amber's problems go so far beyond "just garbage and hoarding."

One final thing: Should this email be used as an attachment to the January 7 hearing, or any other public facing matter, I would ask that my name/email be redacted and not publicly shared. Amber is extremely volatile and retaliatory and I fear she would lash out in some fashion at me, or any other neighbor for that matter (or worse, rile up and encourage the kids to do something).