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Subject:	Re: 1141 University Ave W, VB2506
Date:	Thursday, March 20, 2025 5:55:21 PM
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Hi Chinedu. thanks for reaching out.

Since Councilmember Bowie has to vote on your appeal, she won't be able to discuss it prior to the final vote. Any information about this matter must be received through a formal process and a phone call will not be acceptable.

I would suggest that you submit the information you wish to share to LegislativeHearings@ci.stpaul.mn.us (cc'd on this email) and it will be included in the public record.
Your item is scheduled to be on the April 2, 2025 at 3:30, and you can speak to the entire council at that time.

Let me know if I can help with anything else.

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From: chinedu ezirike
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2025 5:27 AM
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Subject: Fwd: 1141 University Ave W, VB2506

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Good Morning Council Member Bowie,

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Chinedu Ezirike. I have been a resident in Saint Paul for close to 30 years. I love, live, work, and have committed to my community and city for many years since being a DC transplant in 1994 . I currently own a property located at 1141 University Avenue West, and I am going through significant financial hardship with regard to assessments, abatements and (vacant building) fees. These are due in part to a number of issues with the property's standing with the city. It being sold to me and having certificate of occupancy issues prior to our purchase, and also that fact being missed by the clerks at DSI during our diligence period. The end result is, we have been assessed over $5000 in fees, and are currently working to get the City council to reduce another 2600 dollars in fees. My hope is that these can be canceled since the building isn't vacant and we have made significant progress toward getting it back up and running. This is all while working with a contractor to complete the light construction on the place. My purpose for owning this property is to start my journey in generational wealth, but It feels like my own city is trying to take that away from me via fines and fees. I found hope in seeing your recent attendance at the Saint Paul Recovery Act Community Reparations Commission meeting on 1/22/25. The Saint Paul City Council I believe has some power to help in this situation, and I am sincerely hopeful for some help and relief.

Is it possible to setup a time I could further discuss the issue we are having with the property? I am available Monday - Friday between 8-4pm for a phone call and can be reached at 651-313-1313. Also we had the department of inspections committee that goes before the city council give us until before the April 1st meeting to get our permits resolved or we will be charged another $2600 fee. I have a contractor working to finish the work and all the permits, which some have been completed, but the contractor recently had a tumor found and I am not certain we will be able to meet the deadline. Also If you would prefer I call you, please let me know what works best for your schedule.

Thank you very much for your time today!

Kind Regards,

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From: **Mai Vang** <mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Hello Chinedu,

Per our phone conversation, see packet for your hearing on **February 4, 2025 via teleconference call between 9AM-11AM**. I will call you at 651-313-1313 when your item is up on the Agenda. Our caller ID will show as 612-315-7905.

Also attached are letters which precede this vacant building fee. Ramsey County

Property Taxes show that the sale was recorded on 12/29/**22.** Once again, the debt goes with the property. Previous owner should disclose any pending assessment to you at closing. If this was not done, you may go back to your title co. (the revocation letter is included in the packet which is from 2022).

Best regards,

Mai Vang
(She, her)
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