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Subject: 719 Payne Avenue, St Paul

My name is Danette Allrich-Osano. I live in the lower part of East St Paul. I am a member of District 5 Planning Council and recently heard from Mr. Abdi Wali, the new owner of the property at 719 Payne Avenue. He explained at our meeting that on the very day he closed on the property, it went from being considered a code 2 to a code 3, which means he has less time to make improvements on the property before it is considered for demolition. I wanted to ask that you consider giving Mr. Abdi Wali a bit more time to get the needed work done. After listening to his story and meeting his family members who will be running the business with him, it is clear they really want to be a part of our community. It was neat to hear about how after growing up in that same neighborhood, after moving here from Somalia, they are interested in 'giving back' to the same people that helped them get their start here in the US.

I was one of the people that originally felt like this building needed to be torn down. It had been sitting for many years neglected & had become such an eyesore. After hearing about what Mr. Abdi plans to do with it, I am now one of his biggest cheerleaders and I do hope you can consider giving him time to upgrade the building.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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