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Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 5:13 PM
To: *CI-StPaul_LegislativeHearings
Subject: 1104 Cook Ave. E. Vacant Building

Good Afternoon Ms. Moermond,

My husband, David Skorka and I attended a hearing with you on December 13, 2016, regarding the vacant building fees for the HUD property we purchased in September. You asked me at that time to send you a statement regarding the use of the home.

You may remember we are past Eastside residents that moved to Texas 30 years ago. We've raised our family and started a couple businesses here in Houston, and are now beginning to enjoy the fruits of our labor and semi-retirement. Our home town is still one of our favorite places and we visit as often as possible. We purchased this home, four doors down from our best friends of 40 years, to have a place for our family and friends to gather when we visit the St. Paul area. My parents, who also now reside in Texas, will also be spending summers in our MN home to escape the Texas heat. We spent the beautiful Fall of 2016 working in the home which has been renovated and updated and is fully furnished. It will be used for our family only, and not be placed in the rental market.

I am returning to St. Paul tomorrow 1/25 and have a walk through scheduled for 11:00 am on Friday, January 27th with a supervisor in the Category 1 VB Program. I hope this statement is satisfactory. If you would like a paper copy I'm happy to oblige, just let me know.

Warm regards (because I know it's Winter Carnival time),

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