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To: Bauman, Robert; Murphy, Michael (Alderman); Perez, Jose; Johnson, Cavalier

Subject: Judiciary and Legislative Committee Hearing for the house at 1851 N 2 Street 10/3 at 1:30pm

Hello,

My name is Tamara Smith-Kroupa and have lived at 1918 N Second Street for 19 years. I am writing to voice my disapproval for the returning of this house to the previous owner. I have watched this property slow deteriorate from the day I moved in almost 20 years ago. This beautiful home is one of the oldest in the neighborhood and has been neglected for far too long. I live across the street from the two other rotting homes on our block also owned by this owner. They are still in horrible disrepair with the small cottage having an open broken window on the second floor for over three years. Again, the pattern here is very easy to see.

The City has put a great deal of time, effort and money into bringing this property back to a livable state so that a proper owner can be found so it can be returned to its rightful glory as an architectural asset to our neighborhood and city. Why do they want it back now? Because the work has been done for them? They sat on it for years continuing to let the foundation crumble upon itself. I watched for weeks as the city appointed crew worked to rebuild the foundation, add structure to main walls and insulation and finally working to repair the gorgeous wrap around porch.

Please do not return this property to the previous owner, they are not a part of this community, they don't live here or care what happens to the rest of us and they let their "investments" sit and rot. Please let the city finish their work and put it up for sale. I have several friends who would love to buy that house and take care of it and be full members of our neighborhood community.

Feel free to call me with any questions you may have. 414.534.6181. We were sent these emails from our neighborhood association, please let me know if these are correct or not, I want to make sure my comments are heard.

Sincerely,
Tamara Smith Kroupa

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