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Re: File Numbers 031553, 031515, 031590, 031595, 031594, 031552, 031550, 031555,
031551, 031516, 031591, 031592, 031554, 031593, 031596

Dear Ms. Marquardt:

The persons described in Exhibit A have submitted requests to the Common Council for the vacation of the City's *In Rem* Judgments regarding the properties described therein. You have requested a report concerning these requests.

Our position is that the City took all steps required of it under law to foreclose against the properties at issue. Those steps included allowing the property owner a statutory right of redemption which right was not exercised. Due to the failure to redeem, the City foreclosed against the parcel, and thereby acquired fee simple title foreclosing any interest, which the former owner had in the parcel.

Under City Ordinance sec. 304-49-6-c-6, when a timely request for vacation is submitted to the City the final determination with respect to whether property should be returned to the former owner is to be made by the Common Council. If the Common Council so grants approval, the City Attorney's Office may enter into a stipulation providing for all City and County taxes, assessments and charges (including: interest and penalties through the date of the order to vacate the *In Rem* judgment; administrative and overhead costs of the City Treasurer's Office, the City Attorney's Office, and the Department of City Development; and the cost of repairs made to the

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property by the City subsequent to the date of the entry of the *In Rem* judgment) to be paid by cash or cashier's check to the City Treasurer's Office. Payment must be made within 45 days of the date of the resolution of the Common Council approving the return. See, City Ordinance secs. 304-49-6-c-6 through c-9.

In light of the above, and concerning the particular properties at issue, SO LONG AS THE WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR VACATION WERE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY WITHIN 45 DAYS OF THE RESPECTIVE *IN REM* FORECLOSURE JUDGMENTS, this office has no objection to the Common Council and/or the Judiciary and Legislation Committee, in its or their discretion, determining that the parcels should be returned to the former owners in accordance with the above-referenced ordinance.

Please call if you have questions or comments.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures

c: Ronald D. Leonhardt, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

1. File No. 031553
Requestor: Margaret Collier
Parcel Address: 1229 West McKinley Avenue
Tax Key No. 363-0378-000-3
Foreclosure Action: 2003, No. 2 In Rem, Parcel 219
Case No. 03-CV-008330
Date of City Acquisition: January 12, 2004
Acq. plus 45 days = February 26, 2004
Date of Requestor's Request: February 24, 2004
2. File No. 031515
Requestor: Betty Bell
Parcel Address: 3426 West Walnut Street
Tax Key No. 365-0908-000-8
Foreclosure Action: 2003, No. 2 In Rem, Parcel 225
Case No. 03-CV-008330
Date of City Acquisition: January 12, 2004
Acq. plus 45 days = February 26, 2004
Date of Requestor's Request: February 17, 2004
3. File No. 031590
Requestor: 6317 West Bluemound Trust
Parcel Address: 6317 West Bluemound Road
Tax Key No. 405-0304-000-1
Foreclosure Action: 2003, No. 2 In Rem, Parcel 240
Case No. 03-CV-008330
Date of City Acquisition: January 12, 2004
Acq. plus 45 days = February 26, 2004
Date of Requestor's Request: February 26, 2004
4. File No. 031595
Requestor: Elias and Yvonne Zarate
Parcel Address: 923A South 10th Street
Tax Key No. 432-0681-000-X
Foreclosure Action: 2003, No. 2 In Rem, Parcel 244
Case No. 03-CV-008330
Date of City Acquisition: January 12, 2004
Acq. plus 45 days = February 26, 2004
Date of Requestor's Request: February 25, 2004

5. File No. 031594
Requestor: Mark Valadez
Parcel Address: 1428 South 4th Street
Tax Key No. 462-0264-000-1
Foreclosure Action: 2003, No. 2 In Rem, Parcel 267
Case No. 03-CV-008330
Date of City Acquisition: January 12, 2004
Acq. plus 45 days = February 26, 2004
Date of Requestor's Request: February 25, 2004
6. File No. 031552
Requestor: Jose A. Nieves
Parcel Address: 2309 West Pierce Street
Tax Key No. 434-1605-000-8
Foreclosure Action: 2003, No. 2 In Rem, Parcel 250
Case No. 03-CV-008330
Date of City Acquisition: January 12, 2004
Acq. plus 45 days = February 26, 2004
Date of Requestor's Request: February 23, 2004
7. File No. 031550
Requestor: Nafisa Charab
Parcel Address: 2101 West North Avenue
Tax Key No. 350-0891-000-4
Foreclosure Action: 2003, No. 2 In Rem, Parcel 197
Case No. 03-CV-008330
Date of City Acquisition: January 12, 2004
Acq. plus 45 days = February 26, 2004
Date of Requestor's Request: February 23, 2004
8. File No. 031555
Requestor: Colleen Burns
Parcel Address: 2553 North 35th Street
Tax Key No. 327-0333-100-8
Foreclosure Action: 2003, No. 2 In Rem, Parcel 166
Case No. 03-CV-008330
Date of City Acquisition: January 12, 2004
Acq. plus 45 days = February 26, 2004
Date of Requestor's Request: February 24, 2004

9. File No. 031551
Requestor: Doris and Verser Thomas
Parcel Address: 2614 North Palmer Street
Tax Key No. 322-0418-000-7
Foreclosure Action: 2003, No. 2 In Rem, Parcel 132
Case No. 03-CV-008330
Date of City Acquisition: January 12, 2004
Acq. plus 45 days = February 26, 2004
Date of Requestor's Request: February 20, 2004
10. File No. 031516
Requestor: Luis Salazar
Parcel Address: 7721 C West Sheridan Avenue
Tax Key No. 187-1151-000-8
Foreclosure Action: 2003, No. 2 In Rem, Parcel 5
Case No. 03-CV-008330
Date of City Acquisition: January 12, 2004
Acq. plus 45 days = February 26, 2004
Date of Requestor's Request: February 12, 2004
11. File No. 031591
Requestor: Lou L. Xiong
Parcel Address: 3001-3005 West Clybourne Street
Tax Key No. 401-0102-000-4
Foreclosure Action: 2003, No. 2 In Rem, Parcel 239
Case No. 03-CV-008330
Date of City Acquisition: January 12, 2004
Acq. plus 45 days = February 26, 2004
Date of Requestor's Request: February 26, 2004
12. File No. 031592
Requestor: William and Geneva Wilbourn
Parcel Address: 3263 North 20th Street
Tax Key No. 285-0116-100-6
Foreclosure Action: 2003, No. 2 In Rem, Parcel 46
Case No. 03-CV-008330
Date of City Acquisition: January 12, 2004
Acq. plus 45 days = February 26, 2004
Date of Requestor's Request: February 22, 2004

13. File No. 031554
Requestor: Darlene Astemborski
Parcel Address: 2128 North Oakland Avenue
Tax Key No. 356-0902-000-6
Foreclosure Action: 2003, No. 2 In Rem, Parcel 216
Case No. 03-CV-008330
Date of City Acquisition: January 12, 2004
Acq. plus 45 days = February 26, 2004
Date of Requestor's Request: February 24, 2004
14. File No. 031596
Requestor: Larry Williams
Parcel Address: 4462 North 45th Street
Tax Key No. 228-1438-000-2
Foreclosure Action: 2003, No. 2 In Rem, Parcel 12
Case No. 03-CV-008330
Date of City Acquisition: January 12, 2004
Acq. plus 45 days = February 26, 2004
Date of Requestor's Request: February 25, 2004