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Re: **File Numbers 011637, 011632, 011633, 011634, 011635, 011636, 011638, 011639, 011640, 011641, 011642, 011643, 011644, 011645, 011645**

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*

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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 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.

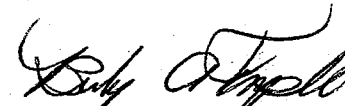
In light of the above, and concerning the particular properties at issue, **SO LONG AS THE WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR VACATION WERE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY WITHIN 45 DAYS OF THE RESPECTIVE *IN REM* FORECLOSURE JUDGMENTS**, this office has no objection to the Common Council and/or the Judiciary and Legislation 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.

Respectfully,



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c: Ronald D. Leonhardt, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

1. File No. 011637
Requestor: Michelle L. Grundy
Parcel Address: 1942 S 33rd Street
Tax Key No. 471-0200-1
Foreclosure Action: 2001, No. 3, In Rem
Case No. 01-CV-008855
Date of City Acquisition: 01/28/02
Acq. plus 45 days = 03/14/02
Date of Requestor's Request: 3/14/02
2. File No. 011632
Requestor: Gloria Griffin
Parcel Address: 2565-67 N 24th Street
Tax Key No. 325-0910-3
Foreclosure Action: 2001, No. 3 In Rem
Case No. 01-CV-008855
Date of City Acquisition: 01/28/02
Acq. plus 45 days = 3/14/02
Date of Requestor's Request: 3/12/02
3. File No. 011633
Requestor: Marilyn E. Johnson
Parcel Address: 2444 N 21st Street
Tax Key No. 325-0512-X
Foreclosure Action: 2001, No. 3 In Rem
Case No. 01-CV-008855
Date of City Acquisition: 01/28/02
Acq. plus 45 days = 3/14/02
Date of Requestor's Request: 3/13/02
4. File No. 011634
Requestor: Westside Housing Coop
Parcel Address: 2828-30 W Juneau Ave
Tax Key No. 365-1520-7
Foreclosure Action: 2001, No. 3 In Rem
Case No. 01-CV-008855
Date of City Acquisition: 01/28/02
Acq. plus 45 days = 3/14/02
Date of Requestor's Request: 3/14/02

5. File No. 011635
Requestor: Westside Housing Coop
Parcel Address: 2120-22 W McKinley Ave
Tax Key No. 364-1320-2
Foreclosure Action: 2001, No. 3 In Rem
Case No. 01-CV-008855
Date of City Acquisition: 01/28/02
Acq. plus 45 days = 3/14/02
Date of Requestor's Request: 3/14/02
6. File No. 011636
Requestor: Randolph J. Price
Parcel Address: 3847 S Griffin Ave
Tax Key No. 548-0378-8
Foreclosure Action: 2001, No. 3 In Rem
Case No. 01-CV-008855
Date of City Acquisition: 01/28/02
Acq. plus 45 days = 3/14/02
Date of Requestor's Request: 3/14/02
7. File No. 011638
Requestor: Robert P. Trudeau
Parcel Address: 2075 S 15th Street
Tax Key No. 469-0703-8
Foreclosure Action: 2001, No. 3 In Rem
Case No. 01-CV-008855
Date of City Acquisition: 01/28/02
Acq. plus 45 days = 3/14/02
Date of Requestor's Request: 3/14/02
8. File No. 011639
Requestor: David West
Parcel Address: 3436 N 44th Street
Tax Key No. 288-0823-5
Foreclosure Action: 2001, No. 2 In Rem
Case No. 01-CV-006959
Date of City Acquisition: 01/14/02
Acq. plus 45 days = 2/28/02
Date of Requestor's Request: 2/26/02

9. File No. 011640
Requestor: Mary Ehlert
Parcel Address: 1517 N 51st Street
Tax Key No. 368-0021-8
Foreclosure Action: 2001, No. 3 In Rem
Case No. 01-CV-008855
Date of City Acquisition: 01/28/02
Acq. plus 45 days = 3/14/02
Date of Requestor's Request: 3/7/02
10. File No. 011641
Requestor: Alma Downs
Parcel Address: 4135 W Vliet Street
Tax Key No. 366-0201-1
Foreclosure Action: 2001, No. 3 In Rem
Case No. 01-CV-008855
Date of City Acquisition: 01/28/02
Acq. plus 45 days = 3/14/02
Date of Requestor's Request: 3/4/02
11. File No. 011642
Requestor: Donjay Knox (unrecorded owner)
Parcel Address: 3502 W Kilbourn Ave
Tax Key No. 387-0726-6
Foreclosure Action: 2001, No. 3 In Rem
Case No. 01-CV-008855
Date of City Acquisition: 01/28/02
Acq. plus 45 days = 3/14/02
Date of Requestor's Request: 3/5/02
12. File No. 011643
Requestor: Thelmer J. Lock
Parcel Address: 2725 N 23rd Street
Tax Key No. 310-0404-X
Foreclosure Action: 2001, No. 3 In Rem
Case No. 01-CV-008855
Date of City Acquisition: 01/28/02
Acq. plus 45 days = 3/14/02
Date of Requestor's Request: 2/14/02

12. File No. 011644
Requestor: Ivory Jefferson for Jefferson Properties
(unrecorded owner
Parcel Address: 2506-08 N 12th Street
Tax Key No. 323-1112-9
Foreclosure Action: 2001, No. 3 In Rem
Case No. 01-CV-008855
Date of City Acquisition: 01/28/02
Acq. plus 45 days = 3/14/02
Date of Requestor's Request: 3/11/02
13. File No. 011645
Requestor: Tilda Wilkes
Parcel Address: 3342 N 26th Street
Tax Key No. 285-1432-6
Foreclosure Action: 2001, No. 3 In Rem
Case No. 01-CV-008855
Date of City Acquisition: 01/28/02
Acq. plus 45 days = 3/14/02
Date of Requestor's Request: 3/12/02
14. File No. 011646
Requestor: Dorothy N. Cain
Parcel Address: 2513 W Garfield Ave
Tax Key No. 350-2235-3
Foreclosure Action: 2001, No. 3 In Rem
Case No. 01-CV-008855
Date of City Acquisition: 01/28/02
Acq. plus 45 days = 3/14/02
Date of Requestor's Request: 3/7/02