

Members of the Judiciary and Legislation Committee and Alderwoman Coggs:

I am writing to urge you to deny the request to return the property at 1851 N. 2nd Street to its former owner (Tim Brophy and/or his LLCs, OPM Global LLC and Reservoir Properties LLC; or Midwest Commercial Funding).

My husband and I have lived on the block just north of the subject property for 12 years. The property has been vacant, in disrepair, and a magnet for crime for all of those 12 years. Our neighbors' letters attached to your agenda, particularly the communications from HBHNA President William Jenkins, Jamison and Suzanne Klinker, Tamara Smith Kroupa, and Ned Brown, have described our concerns about the property well. It has been an on-going blight on the neighborhood.

We were thrilled to find out that the City had taken possession of the property and that it was being fixed up and would be sold to an owner occupant. We were also pleased that in May, your committee denied the request to return the property to its former owner.

But now the issue is being reconsidered. The Historic Brewers Hill Neighborhood Association recently held a special meeting to let the former owners describe why they should be allowed to regain ownership, despite the fact that the City has put \$72,000 into it. Rodney and I were not able to attend the meeting, but today I received the minutes of that meeting, which described no reason, other than the financial interest of the company, that they should be allowed to have the property returned to them.

Please do not choose the financial interests of entities that have shown no responsibility or care for our city or our neighborhood over the interests of the City of Milwaukee and our neighborhood. Please continue to fix up the property and sell it to someone who will live in it and care for it.

Please deny this request from the previous owners.

Thank you for your consideration.

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