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To: City Council

From: Laura DeBuhr

Owner of 107/109 & 111 2nd Ave

I wanted to address the back of my building and the safety concerns for it. When I purchased it, I did know there were some issues with the back walkway, but I had no idea of the extent of those issues and was unsure why they had not been addressed earlier when the previous owner had possession of it. I began looking into how I could address this issue. In the process of looking into how deal with the issue, I made another discovery that I was unaware of. I am responsible for maintaining the walkway, but do not own the walkway. Therefore, any changes that I want to make that is beyond maintaining the current cement walkway the owner of the property has to approve of. I had hoped to purchase the property from the Gaumer's, but they are not interested in selling it. There is a meeting set up with members of the city, Pete Gaumer and myself for the morning of Wednesday, November 15th to discuss options we all have to make the back of the building usable for everyone. I look forward to meeting and discussing options to create a plan. The hope and plan are to have the issue figured out and a plan in place moving forward with the back walkway both on the first and second floor addressed.