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Kevin Firchow
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Dear Mr. Firchow,

I am writing you this letter in regards to potential demolition proposed within the East District. Alder Compton recently advised me of a proposal calling for the raising two abandoned homes which sit on Certco property at 4638 and 4706 Femrite Drive. I am very supportive of this initiative and would encourage any demolition to take place as soon as possible.

The property at 4638 Femrite Drive in particular has already been the target of vandalism and trespass violations. Although it is now boarded up, today I spoke to a neighbor who indicated it had been a significant problem previously. Abandoned properties have caused problems elsewhere in the City and in this district. It is not uncommon to find squatters residing in abandoned homes or buildings and using these areas as a flop house. In other city-wide locations officers have responded to complaints regarding juvenile disturbances and vandalism, illegal dumping, criminal damage to property, and drug activity.

Having dealt with the aforementioned issues at other vacant buildings I fear it is only a matter of time before these properties become problematic for law enforcement. From a public safety interest, I recommend the demolition be approved and completed in a timely fashion

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Snyder

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cc City of Madison Alder Compton