

July 30, 2020

Dear Ms. Brennan, Mayor Frey, & Council President Bender:

It has just come to the attention of the Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association (LHENA) that the apartment building at 2003 Aldrich Avenue South has been sold and that the new owner is in the process of securing a demolition permit. The board members of LHENA are keenly aware of the concerns that have circled around this structure since adjacent construction at 2004 Lyndale Avenue South caused significant enough damage to require the evacuation of tenants in October of 2018.

(<https://www.southwestjournal.com/news/2018/11/cracking-franklin-aldrich-apartments-under-renovation/>)

The loss of 25 units of naturally occurring affordable housing in our neighborhood stands squarely in the face of our neighborhood's values of inclusivity and accessibility.

As we understand it, the demolition permit is approved pending additional documentation from the contractor. And the owner has told us directly that full demolition will occur within 45 days. We do not fully understand the current condition of the building but are skeptical that it is beyond repair.

We are reaching out to you today to help us put an immediate halt to the demolition of this structure as we parse out its viability as an ongoing housing resource for our community.

Sincerely,

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