

Written Testimony - Agenda Item 147/122

Agenda Item	Name or Organization	Position	Comments	Attachment	Created
147	Neighbor	Support with changes	<p>Dear Councilmembers - the house at 5923 N Detroit Ave is uninhabitable and has been for about four years. After the owner's death, her son broke all of the light fixtures, all of the plumbing fixtures, the windows and even drywall, throwing the detritus, as well as his garbage, in the basement or in the backyard. He lived for years without heat other than a woodburning fireplace, using a hose for water inside the house, and with a single light in one of the rooms. I urge the city to foreclose on the house for several reasons: 1 - so squatters don't move in, which is really only a matter of time, 2 - so the money can be used to get the son into safe housing, and 3 - so someone can make it into an actual home. The only change I would suggest is making the foreclosure wait time 6 months instead of a year. The house has been sitting there since 2019. Neighbors have been waiting a long time for resolution. We're tired and would love this to come to an end.</p>	No	02/11/24 10:23 AM
147	Anonymous	Support	<p>On behalf of the women, people of color, and the general safety of neighbors in the Overlook and adjoining neighborhoods, please expedite the foreclosure and sale of 5923 N Detroit Ave.</p> <p>All the city needs to do is examine the police calls and records regarding this property and person who was previously living there. Our neighborhood has tried to leverage all available and legal resources to take action against this property. The buck has continued to be passed on to someone else. Now that the buck is at Portland City Council, please take the appropriate actions to protect the neighbors near this property.</p> <p>There have been fires, break ins, RV campers, trash, sewage, wild animals, drug users, drug sales and more on this property.</p> <p>Foreclose this property and protect the neighborhood of Overlook immediately. No more excuses!</p>	No	02/12/24 9:26 AM
147	Bonnie Bennett	Support	<p>As a resident who lives directly across the street from 5923 N Detroit Ave., I am STRONGLY in favor of the Council swiftly approving this property's foreclosure. Neighbors have been ringing the proverbial bell about this property for well over a decade. The home's former occupant is racist, violent, dangerous and has held this neighborhood hostage for far too long. I'm hopeful the Council has access to the records related to Ben Long (hundreds of 911 and non-emergency calls, hours of Ring cam footage submitted to Portland Police/the City, his legal rap sheet, etc.). Even prior to Mr. Long being legally prohibited from returning to 5923 N Detroit Ave., the home was in complete and utter disrepair. Now that the home has been unoccupied for nearly 2 years, it is most certainly uninhabitable, likely filled with rodents, mold, sewage, etc. It is exhausting as neighbors to CONSTANTLY keep a watchful eye on the property to ensure it is not overrun with squatters or RV's permanently parking in front. Again, PLEASE initiate foreclosure at 5923 N Detroit Ave.</p>	No	02/13/24 11:43 AM

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147	Joe Keenan	Support	Please move forward with foreclosure on the property at 5923 N Detroit, this is a nuisance property and has been for years. This has been the site of so many 911 calls and multiple criminal convictions. The resident constantly screamed racist things, harassed and even assaulted neighbors, which he was convicted for. The property is not livable in its current state, except maybe to squatters or raccoons which the neighborhood worries about. We have been living with this for so long, please take action to give us back a little peace of mind in our neighborhood. Thank you.	No	02/13/24 5:34 PM
147	Anonymous	Support	<p>I'm writing to plead with City Council to foreclose on the property at 5923 N Detroit. The neglect of this home causes EXTREME distress in our neighborhood, and negatively impacts our lives on a daily basis. It is truly traumatic to live near a nuisance such as this. There have been physical threats to neighbors, the home has been set on fire, there have been squatters, rat infestation, drug use... the list goes on.</p> <p>Please take action, please help us. We are regular people who have done everything that we can to solve this and we need the city to take action. There is no responsible party associated with this house. We are pleading with BDS and the City of Portland to step in and put an end to this nightmare.</p>	No	02/13/24 9:54 PM
147	Anonymous	Support	<p>Dear members of the Portland City Council, please take action to foreclose on the property at 5923 N Detroit. Issues associated with this neglected property have inflicted a great deal of pain, anguish, and distress for both myself and members of the community.</p> <p>Countless troubling incidents have occurred including individuals illegally breaking into the property, squatting, and a structure fire which required an emergency response from the Portland Fire Department. The infestation of rats has reached an alarming level, exacerbating the deteriorating conditions and causing pest issues for surrounding homes.</p> <p>I plead with the city council to foreclose on this property today, it is deeply unfair to put the burden of dealing with abandoned properties entirely on the neighborhood</p>	No	02/13/24 10:18 PM