

Honorable Daniel P. McCoy
Albany County Executive
112 State Street
12th Floor
Albany, NY 12207

March 21, 2023

RE: Interest in obtaining ownership of property at 312 Orange Street, Albany, NY 12210

Dear Honorable McCoy

I am writing this letter to indicate my intent in obtaining ownership of the vacant lot/property at 312 Orange Street. My family and I are very familiar with this property as we reside next door at 310 Orange Street to which I am the homeowner. My family and I have resided in our home since 1985. We knew the original homeowners and their family at the time for many years before they passed. The family tried to maintain the property as best they could before selling it in 2005. As the home went through multiple owners, it sat abandoned the entire time until it was torn down in April 2017. The home was dilapidated on the inside and because the home was directly next to ours, my family and I always kept the property up on the outside. During the winter months, we'd keep the sidewalks free of snow and ice and in the spring, summer and fall months, the home was kept clean from garbage, leaves and any other debris just as we did our own home. Even after the house was demolished in April 2017, we still maintained the property, making sure the newly vacant lot was free from the same debris as well as the sidewalks. If I can obtain ownership of the property, it would benefit the community because it would be a place to boost the community treasury through property taxes which supports infrastructure, education and other community projects. The property will consistently be maintained just as my property at 310 Orange Street has been maintained and not be a sight of blight. Also, it would become a part of my home where my family will enjoy spending time together and with others year-round. As of 2022, I saw that the land was assessed at a bit over \$1800 and valued at \$1500.00. I would like to offer \$1500.00 cash for the property.

Thank you kindly for your time

Lawrence D. Payne