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**Re: 92 Alexander St & 507 First Street**

Dear Michael,

The City of Albany would like to request that the vacant buildings located at 92 Alexander Street (76.64-2-13) & 507 First Street (65.47-2-25) be transferred over the City of Albany. The City of Albany, utilizing grant funding we received from the NYS Attorney General's Office Cities RISE program, would like to eliminate the harms and blight these buildings are causing the neighborhood and City through our Proactive Demolitions program. The City of Albany's Proactive Demolitions program utilizes community input, evaluations from contractors & engineers, and reviews from the appropriate City review boards to gain approvals to proactively demolish up to four (4) vacant, blighted properties.

We have already gathered community input favoring the demolition of these two buildings and have reviewed these two structures with a contractor and engineer. While 92 Alexander Street & 507 First Street have not deteriorated to the point of Emergency Demolition yet, they are on their way to that condition without significant and costly public subsidies. Both buildings are actively contributing to a lower quality of life for neighborhood residents, and in the case of 507 First Street, actively impacting the adjacent occupied structure. Thus, we believe that these two properties would make great candidates for our Proactive Demolitions program. We look forward to continued cooperation and partnership with Albany County and the Albany County Legislature in fighting blight and vacancy across the City of Albany. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Samuel Wells".

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