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The City Council
Niagara Falls, New York

Re: *Proposed Sale of Real Property by City of Niagara Falls*
1335 Willow Avenue, Niagara Falls NY 14301

In 2012, the City of Niagara Falls acquired the above property from then owner Harrison Davis through the In Rem process. Mr. Davis owed a significant amount of taxes on the property which led to the City taking said action. The City is still currently in possession of this property. Recently, Mr. Davis has expressed interest in reacquiring the property from the City.

In order to facilitate such a transaction, it is proposed that Mr. Davis pay all of the outstanding property taxes and penalties related to 1335 Willow Avenue. Additionally, as Mr. Davis owns two (2) other properties, the City would require that Mr. Davis bring both of those properties up to date as it relates to property taxation as well. As it concerns 1335 Willow Avenue, the outstanding City and School taxes and penalties total \$14,428.66.

It is proposed that sale of this property in its current state and bringing all three of Mr. Davis' properties current relating to property taxes is clearly in the best interests of the City. The Planning Board has recommended the disposal of this City-owned parcel (see attached).

Will the Council so approve disposal of this parcel and authorize the Mayor to execute any required documentation in the form acceptable to the Corporation Counsel?

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Restaino
Mayor