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Nahuel Fefer, Director of Economic Development
Office of Mayor Tishaura Jones
St. Louis City Hall, Room 200
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Dear Nahuel,

I spoke at the Stimulus Advisory Board (SAB) meeting yesterday. I saw that you were there for part of the meeting but not the part during which I spoke.

At the meeting I appealed to SAB members to visit the SITO website at sitohousing.org. SITO is not itself seeking a portion of the \$67mm direct, short term, emergency assistance. Rather, we wish for the city to utilize our strategy, long-term, to “Repair and Retain” market-rate affordable rental housing.

Please let me show you 3437 Osage, a 4-family, and 3835 Michigan, a 2-family—our pilot project buildings in 63118. We are freshly demonstrating the same strategy Neighborhood Enterprises and Sanctuary IN the Ordinary used from 1972 to 2016.

If you see the merit of our approach, can you arrange a meeting with Mayor Jones? In my May 25th letter to you, I stated that “SITO can help Tishaura redress systemic injustice, inadequate housing, and homelessness, and help strengthen neighborhoods.” I also sent you a letter and some documents on April 28th.

Sincerely,

Jim Roos, Executive Director
Sanctuary in the Ordinary