Roll Call Number	Agenda Item Number
April 11, 2016	
Date	

Communication from Scott A. Hall, Carney Appleby Law, regarding Kentfield Properties, LLC properties in the vicinity of 3201 Forest.

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COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
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MOORE				
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TOTAL				

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

City Clerk	
City Clerk	

Des Moines City Council 400 Robert D. Ray Drive Des Moines, IA 50309



March 31, 2016

RE: Proposed 48-Apartment Project on 32nd and Forest / 1410 32nd Street Property

Dear Honored Council Members,

I represent Mike Kentfield and his entity Kentfield Properties, LLC ("Kentfield"). Kentfield owns dozens of rental properties throughout Des Moines with specific concentration in the Drake University neighborhood. Kentfield owns a multi-residence property located at 1410 32nd Street. *See* enclosed information from the Polk County Assessor's office. Kentfield has owned the property since 2008, and has rented it to tenants since that time.

Each parcel surrounding Kentfield's property: 3201 Forest, 3211 Forest, 3221 Forest, and 1414 32nd Street, have been purchased over the years by an entity called ND 19 32nd Street Shops, LLC, which, according to the Iowa Secretary of State's most recent biennial report filing is represented by George Schneider, Controller, with its home office located at 218 6th Avenue, Ste 200, Des Moines, IA 50309, home to Nelson Construction and Development ("Nelson").

For many years Nelson has been attempting to build a large apartment complex on the property that completely envelops Kentfield's building. Kentfield has consistently opposed this project because the neighborhood cannot support the project's requisite parking space for such a complex, because building a structure of that size all the way to the corner will cause unsafe blind spots for traffic on both 32nd Street and Forest Avenue, and frankly, because such development will be a detriment both to Kentfield's property and to the lives of his tenants. To date, Nelson has made no offer to purchase Kentfield's property, but they have built a rather large fence an all three sides bordering Kentfield's property, essentially walling it off from their holdings.





I write to you today in response to a published report that you are considering issuing a large amount of tax credits to those wishing to construct this large apartment complex all around Kentfield's land. My clients oppose any and all efforts to build such a complex for the reasons previously stated and set forth in this letter. As many neighbors have voiced, there simply is not room for a complex of this size and its requisite parking, and specifically the rights of Kentfield and his tenants will be the most dramatically infringed upon by such construction.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Hall

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Enclosures

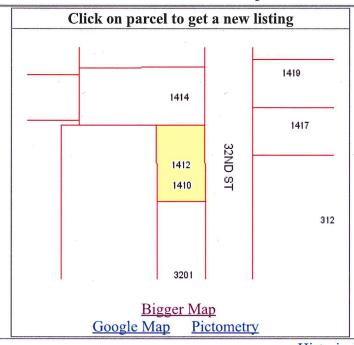


Polk County Assessor

111 Court Avenue #195 Des Moines, IA 50309-0904 (515) 286-3014 Fax (515) 286-3386 polkweb@assess.co.polk.ia.us

Location					
Address	1410 32ND ST				
City	DES MOINES	Zip	50311	Jurisdiction	Des Moines
District/Parcel	100/11027-002-000	Geoparcel	7924-32-431-020	Status	<u>Active</u>
School	Des Moines	Nbhd/Pocket	DM55/A	Submarket	Northwest Des Moines
Appraiser	Pat Harmeyer, ICA 515-286- 3368				

Map and Current Photos - 1 Record





Historical Photos

Ownership - 1 Record				
Ownership	Num	Name	Recorded	Book/Page
Title	1	KENTFIELD PROPERTIES LLC - SERIES	2015-10-	15791/10
Holder	1	1410 32ND	22	13/01/19

Legal Description and Mailing Address

N 80F LT 2 RUTLEDGE PLACE

KENTFIELD PROPERTIES LLC 1783 PIERCE ST SAINT CHARLES, IA 50240

Current Values

Type	Class	Kind	Land		Bldg	Total
2015 Value	Multi-Residential	Full	\$19,000	\$	116,000	\$135,000
Zoning - 1 Record						
Zoning	Zoning Description			SF	Assessor Zoning	
C-1	C-1 Neighborhood Retail Commercial District		=		Cor	nmercial

City of Des Moines Community Development Planning and Urban Design 515 283-4182 (2012-03-20)

