

DIRECTORS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Monday, February 1, 2021

555 S. 10th Street

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Memorandum

Date: ♦ January 27, 2021

To: ♦ City Clerk

From: ♦ Rhonda Haas, Planning Dept.

Re: ♦ Administrative Approvals

cc: ♦ Geri Rorabaugh, Planning Dept.

This is a list of City administrative approvals by the Planning Director from January 19, 2021 through January 25, 2021:

Administrative Permit 21001, approved by the Planning Director on January 15, 2021, for a minor modification to the rear yard setback from 20 feet to 15 feet per Section 27.72.190 of the Lincoln Municipal Code on property generally located 3800 South 42nd Street.

Administrative Amendment 21001, to Use Permit 94B, Elizabeth Park North, approved by the Planning Director on January 19, 2021, to reduce the front yard setback on Kensington Drive from 50 feet to 20 feet for Lot 1, on property generally located at North 26th Street & Kensington Drive.

Angela M. Birkett

From: John Chapo <JChapo@lincolnzoo.org>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 4:49 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: icy street concern - inequity of snow removal

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Hello, great City Council Member.
I am reaching out as a citizen who lives on Stockwell Street

Specifically 2340 Stockwell.

What I experienced today on my icy and snow packed street is that Stockwell street west of Worthington is spotless and dry and has been clearly snow plowed from Worthington west to 13th street. It was great!

However, NO snow plow went west on Stockwell from Worthington making it extremely hazardous and slippery all the way to 27th street.

Clearly the snow removal on Stockwell street is not equitable for some reason.

We who live east of Worthington on Stockwell would appreciate the same service as those who live west of Worthington on Stockwell.

Thanks ever so much!!

Stay safe and stay masked.

John Chapo
2340 Stockwell Street

Cell 402-613-5656
Landline 402-435-3718

Angela M. Birkett

From: Cortni Hansen <cortnihansen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 5:21 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Re-empowerment of Legislative Branch; City Council

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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing today to request that the City Council takes back its power from Mayor Baird. She has held emergency powers since April; far beyond the normal 72 hours with your continued extensions, over 300 days. With her Emergency power, she has silenced us; citizens of Nebraska through you. We are not being heard by you, the representatives we voted for to represent us.

It is time to do your legislative duties and take back the Powers of governing that have hurt Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln Businesses and do your job, beginning to establish a unified plan to get our economy back to normal.

I request that we are able to assembly in the gallary together during the meetings as stated on your website in the Accomodation Section; The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 guidelines.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cortni Hansen
Lancaster County Resident

Angela M. Birkett

From: Darcy R Yocum <dryhumor77@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 5:29 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: No taxes without representation

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I am writing you today to address some concerns I have. I am in addressing the legislative branch.

I believe according to your accommodations on your own website, we should have the right to assemble based on the civil rights act of 1964. I am requesting that we have that opportunity to assemble in the same room as our representatives. I believe this allows you as our representative to be accountable to us; your citizens.

Since April this legislative branch has allow the executive branch to maintain emergency powers for over 300 days. The executive branch is only to have power for 72 hours with short exceptions. I believe that we voted you to be our legislators and representatives. I'm requesting that you take this power back, I begin the process of developing a self governance plan to prepare our city and region back to normal; the Sunset Provisions for Businesses.

It takes time to develop a plan. A committee that could develop self governing guidelines could include the following:

It does have any time for businesses to be open for an mast patrons, as there is currently a designated time for businesses to be open for those who choose to wear a mask.

Additionally self govern us to be considered where communication to the public would include encouraging people to do as they need to do for themselves, as far as wearing a mask, social distancing, protesting, or going to church.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,
Darcy Yocum

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jerry Walker <jerrywalker680@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 6:49 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Re~empowerment of Legislative Branch of the City Council

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jerry Walker
5005 Vine st
Lincoln, NE 68504

Angela M. Birkett

From: Drew Langel <langel119@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 8:05 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: End Emergency Powers Given to Mayor Baird

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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing today to request the City Council takes back their power from Mayor Baird. The emergency power that was supposed to last 72 hours has now gone on for over 300 days. We the people are not being heard by you, the group that we voted for to represent us.

It is time you all do your legislative duties and take back power. A plan needs to be established to start moving our economy forward along with giving freedom back to the citizens of Lincoln.

My last request is that we the people are able to assemble in the gallery during these city council meetings. There is not reason this can not be done. If you are concerned about people gathering in the gallery do to the virus you might want to consider that being stuffed in a small hallway is much more of a concern.

Lastly, I would like to say it is insanity to keep doing the same thing over and over again. I am referring to the use of mask wearing in the general public of a virus that has a very HIGH survival rate.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/planning-scenarios.html#table-1>

Age 0-19--99.97%

Age 20-49--99.98%

Age 50-69--99.5%

Age 70+--94.6%

Thanks for you time and consideration on these matters that are impacting our lives daily.

Drew Langel
Lincoln Nebraska

Angela M. Birkett

From: Richard W. Meginnis
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 1:48 PM
To: abwildeman@hotmail.com
Cc: Angela M. Birkett
Subject: Attending City Council meeting...Tonight is postponed

Andrew,

I just read your letter and want to inform you we have postponed tonight's meeting until Feb 1 at 3 pm. You absolutely have the right to come and speak about the issue. Let me verify what part of the meeting you should speak at and get back to you.

Thanks
Richard Meginnis

Angela M. Birkett

From: Angela M. Birkett
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 9:44 AM
To: 'A. Wildeman'
Cc: Richard W. Meginnis; 'Richard Meginnis'
Subject: RE: Claim against the city of Lincoln

Good Morning Mr. Wildeman,

I wanted to send a follow-up email regarding your claim against the City. This item will be brought before Council at the 3:00 p.m., February 1, 2021, City Council meeting. If you wish to appear and provide public testimony please plan to attend the meeting and wait for item 5.d. to be called, at that time you will come forward to the podium and provide testimony.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Angie Birkett
Administrative Secretary
Lincoln City Council
555 South 10th St., Ste 111
Lincoln, NE 68508
Phone 402-441-6867
Fax 402-441-6533
abirkett@lincoln.ne.gov



From: A. Wildeman [mailto:abwildeman@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 9:39 PM
To: Council Packet <CouncilPacket@lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Claim against the city of Lincoln

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From: BRAD WILDEMAN <bwildeman@cox.net>

Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021, 5:04 PM

To: abwildeman@hotmail.com

Subject: Claim against the city of Lincoln

I respectfully disagree with the city attorney's assessment of the claim made against the city of Lincoln on December 9, 2020 for expenses occurred as the result of a water main break near my property at 5327 W. Kinglsey Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

- 1) The curb was not removed as a courtesy. My father and I both witnessed the curb in place during the original excavation . the flushing of the water main via the fire hydrant on my property easement washed the dirt out from under the curb, causing it to fall into the open hole.
- 2) I am being double-billed for the excavation, first by the licensed plumber, and an after-the-fact bill was presented by the City of L.incoln.
- 3) Per 17.18.160 - If after notification by the Lincoln Water System that a water leak may be on the customer supply pipe, curb stop, or customer service pipe and if after the owner of the premises has had their registered plumber make the necessary excavation, and the leak is found to be from a public main, the Lincoln Water System shall immediately repair such leak, backfill the excavation, and pay the cost of making the excavation.
- 4) While I understand the responsibility of connecting my house water supply to the city water main, the question remains, how can a resident effectively ensure maintenance of a water system buried and maintained in the city easement?

I wish to appear before the city council to discuss this issue on January 25, 2021.

Sincerely,

Andrew Wildeman

Angela M. Birkett

From: Wayne Mortensen <wayne.mortensen@nwlincoln.org>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 7:00 AM
To: Council Packet
Cc: Shawn Ryba; Wynn S. Hjermsstad; Tammy J. Ward
Subject: SDCDO Redevelopment Plan
Attachments: 21_01_25_SDCDO.pdf

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Honorable Councilmembers:

Please find attached a letter of support pertaining to your forthcoming deliberation on the South of Downtown Redevelopment Plan.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I or my staff can be of assistance on this or any other housing or community development endeavor.

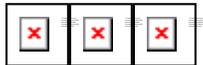
Best,
Wayne

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Wayne A. Mortensen, AIA

NeighborWorks Lincoln | Chief Executive Officer

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NeighborWorks Lincoln revitalizes neighborhoods and supports homeownership, keeping Lincoln a safe and prosperous community.





January 22, 2021

Lincoln City Council
555 S. 10th Street, RM 111
Lincoln NE, 68508

RE: South of Downtown Redevelopment and Strategic Plan

Honorable Councilors:

I write today in support of the South of Downtown Redevelopment and Strategic Plan and urge you to find that it is in conformance with the City's Comprehensive Plan and affordable housing objectives. Further, I hope that you will deem the geography eligible for the full array of development financial incentives available through the City, including tax increment financing (TIF), to assist with implementation.

NeighborWorks Lincoln is a not-for-profit affordable housing developer focused on homebuyer education, real estate development, and community building. While our programs benefit residents and neighborhoods across the City our work often targets core neighborhoods like Everett and the South of Downtown service area. We have worked extensively in this geography for many years and most recently at 1105 'E' Street where we partnered with the South of Downtown CDO to develop a beautiful affordable home. We have also partnered on the alleyway mural project and oversee a community garden at 14th & 'D' Streets.

This redevelopment plan builds on the strengths of the area and lays out strategies to improve community cohesion and function through jobs, housing, health, neighborhood service, and, yes, development. The plan seeks to leverage home ownership as a strategy to increase rootedness and inflect the area's 93% rental rate. We are committed to partnering with the CDO, community stakeholders, and City staff in whatever manner will best advance the community and with the assumption that our work will always honor existing residents and avoid displacement of economically vulnerable people.

We are in a critical moment in the City's evolution. Not only are we morally compelled to declare the importance of equity and inclusion to the future of our community, but the rapid pace of change demands bold and decisive action to ensure it! We look forward to piloting solutions in South of Downtown that will benefit all of Lincoln.

Yours Truly,



Wayne A. Mortensen
Chief Executive Officer



Angela M. Birkett

From: wet rats <wetwetrats@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 8:25 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: south of downtown r&s plan and eviction moratorium

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Hello beautiful Council Member,

I hope this snow-blustered day finds you warm & cozy. I am writing, first as a person who lives in the Everett neighborhood, regarding the proposed neighborhoods development plan as assembled & put forth by members & organizations of the south of downtown community. This plan was constructed through conversations with the people & businesses who are located in these SofD neighborhoods & reflect the improvements & changes they/we would like to see around us. The plan is full of feasible, necessary changes that can be made to help create a place where neighbors look out for each other, are proud of the world around them & are continuing the processes of improvements as time continues to move forward. Please look closely at the plan & make every effort to add suggestions within it to the work you are undertaking as a city council member.

Now, to shift gears- I am writing in opposition to the fact that there are still evictions happening in Lincoln, despite a federal moratorium, work needs to be done to protect human beings in need of shelter, not to coddle landlords who care more for property & money than they do for human life. An immediate moratorium on evictions needs to be put in place by city government, protecting human beings who deserve a roof over their heads & a warm place to spend the night. Housing is a human right & it is inhuman to be tossing people in the street during the winter, during a pandemic & during a time when so many are already struggling due to systemic inequities. Please do what you can to protect the humans who you represent.

Thank you,

robert stewart
1029 Sumner Street
Lincoln

ps...while i've got you, please re-instate zoom testimony for city council meetings, this option allows many people who's schedules or jobs prevent them from in-person testimony to have a voice in the way our city is managed & governed. Thanks again.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Cassey Lottman <calottman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 10:37 AM
To: Council Packet
Cc: James M. Bowers; Bennie R. Shobe; Richard W. Meginnis; Tammy J. Ward; Jane Raybould; Sandra J. Washington; Roy A. Christensen
Subject: Support for South of Downtown Redevelopment plan

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Hello,

I'm writing in support of the South of Downtown CDO's redevelopment plan that is appearing before you on Monday. I was part of the committees that drafted the plan, on both the Affordable Housing Subcommittee and the Steering Committee. I've also been able to take part in various workshops and community events held by the CDO, which have been great for learning new things, engaging with art, and meeting my neighbors.

The proposed plan has strengths and shortcomings. I appreciate the expansion of mixed use zones, and the call to ease setbacks and other requirements to make it cheaper and more feasible to build housing here, especially on lots with crumbling housing which can't be rehabbed much under existing zoning. In other places, I think the plan doesn't go far enough - I think existing housing density levels should be preserved, and parking minimums removed entirely, letting the market dictate what parking is necessary and reducing development costs. I love that there are things in the plan that make the neighborhood an even better place to live and increase safety, like pedestrian scale lighting.

In other areas, I wish the plan left things out - the south of downtown neighborhoods are already heavily policed, and we do not need any expansion of policing in this community.

Overall, I think the plan is a step forward for the neighborhoods south of downtown, and I encourage you to adopt it.

Thank you,
Cassey Lottman
South of Downtown/Everett neighborhood resident

Angela M. Birkett

From: Gabriella Parsons <gabriellaaparsons@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 11:08 AM
To: Mayor; Council Packet
Subject: Lincoln Needs an Eviction Moratorium

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Mayor Gaylor Baird and Lincoln City Council Members,

I hope this message finds you warm on today's snow day in Lincoln. My name is Gabriella, as some of you know, I'm a resident of Lincoln and I reside in Council Member Raybould's district in the Near South. I'm writing today to encourage you all to work together and enact a city-wide eviction moratorium. An eviction moratorium has been needed in Lincoln for some time now, as residents continue to be evicted from their homes and face homelessness during this deadly pandemic.

You can hear the stories of our neighbors facing eviction first-hand in [this 30-minute documentary](#) I produced with South of Downtown CDO and History Nebraska. I encourage you all to take some time to watch the short film and hear from those most impacted.

During the production of this documentary, I got an up-close look at the eviction crisis in Lincoln. While we've seen some protections for Lincoln's renters over the past year, including the governor's executive order at the start of the pandemic, the CARES act, and the most recent CDC moratorium, these policies never actually stopped evictions from happening in Lancaster county. The pandemic has shown how evictions impact not only our neighbors, but the health and wellbeing of our entire community.

There is a severe need for affordable and adequate housing in Lincoln. While long term housing policies will take time to develop, an eviction moratorium can be enacted now. As you work together to find a solution, I encourage you all to also consider developing a grace period policy that would allow renters and homeowners to pay back their past due rent/ mortgage in a reasonable time period during the covid-19 pandemic. Many residents facing eviction are now looking at up to 6 months of past due rent. This quickly adds up and becomes impossible for families to pay back, thus landlords lose patience and go forward with eviction as many need to make ends on their mortgage, too. We need a solution that gives renters and homeowners immediate relief.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors. I hope to see the city act swiftly on this issue and enact an eviction moratorium in Lincoln. I appreciate each of your time, efforts and service to our community.

Sincerely,
Gabriella

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Nancy Petitto <nancy.petitto@civicnebraska.org>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 11:18 AM
To: Council Packet; Richard W. Meginnis
Subject: South of Downtown Redevelopment and Strategic Plan Support Letter
Attachments: SDCDO Plan Support Letter.pdf

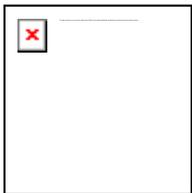
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Councilperson Meginnis and members of the Lincoln City Council,

Please find a letter of support for the South of Downtown Redevelopment and Strategic Plan attached. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,
Nancy

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Nancy Petitto

Director of Collective Impact Lincoln

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January 25, 2021

Lincoln City Council
555 S. 10th Street, Rm 111
Lincoln, NE 68508

Councilperson Meginnis and members of the Lincoln City Council:

The South of Downtown Community Development Organization is one of three partner organizations that make up Collective Impact Lincoln (CIL). As the lead organization for CIL, Civic Nebraska encourages you to adopt the South of Downtown Redevelopment and Strategic Plan, as it speaks directly to our overall mission and vision in two of our focus neighborhoods.

Over the last 3+ years, the South of Downtown Community Development Organization (SDCDO) has worked alongside residents, businesses, neighborhood associations, and community groups to understand neighborhood goals and needs. The Redevelopment and Strategic Plan combines various priorities for the South of Downtown neighborhoods, while carefully considering input from neighbors alongside the goals of the City of Lincoln.

Organizers from the SDCDO have built relationships through door knocking, block parties, listening forums, and other community events. The focus and time that has gone into building and maintaining these relationships should not go unnoticed as a vital component of this plan. We often say that we want all voices at the table and to be a part of our decision-making process. The priorities outlined in this plan are a clear example of these efforts.

As the Director of the Collective Impact Lincoln initiative, I support the South of Downtown Community Development Redevelopment and Strategic Plan and strongly urge the City Council to adopt the plan that will continue to strengthen and bring vibrancy to the South of Downtown neighborhoods and residents.

Sincerely,

Nancy Petitto
Director, Collective Impact Lincoln

Angela M. Birkett

From: Carina McCormick <carinamc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 11:55 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 21R-2 Comment for 1/25/21 Council Meeting

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am writing to convey my support for the South of Downtown Redevelopment Plan as part of tonight's meeting on resolution 21R-2. I am a longtime resident of the South of Downtown focus area. I am also a member of the Board of Directors of the South of Downtown Community Development Organization. I regularly observe the importance of implementing the plan that the organization has so painstakingly developed. I appreciate the extensive information gathering efforts that have been made by the staff and volunteers of the organization, the results of which are incorporated in the plan. I am proud of the work the organization has conducted thus far and am especially eager to witness the profound positive changes that can be accomplished through its implementation. I appreciate the role the city has played in encouraging responsible and principled redevelopment in the area, such as financially supporting the demolition of the vacant and dangerous property on 11th and E, which is now home to a family. The positive relationship between the city, the South of Downtown Community Development Organization, and citizens of the city, especially residents of the focus area, can be a powerful source of important change. I encourage the city to approve the redevelopment plan for the South of Downtown. Feel free to reach out to me any time if you would like another perspective on this work or the needs of the area.

Sincerely,
Carina M. McCormick, PhD
1502 E St.
Lincoln, NE 68508

Angela M. Birkett

From: Erin Poor <erinpoor@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 2:06 PM
To: Council Packet

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Dear Council Members,

I hope you are able to stay well in these challenging times. I want to start by saying I appreciate all of the work you do for our community. No one could have prepared you for exactly how challenging this term would be. Thank you for your hard work.

I'm writing today to urge you to enact a city-wide eviction moratorium during this time of pandemic-induced economic depression. This order should also include a 6 month grace period to pay back rent and mortgages for all Lincoln residences.

A city-wide moratorium on evictions would help to support the federal eviction moratorium that has been in place nationally but not heeded locally.

Our community is facing unprecedented difficulty in the health and economic spheres. These times call for unprecedented action on behalf of our government to help our community members through this. Keeping our community members housed should be a top priority, as that has direct connections to health outcomes. Housed and healthy should be our goal. Please do everything in your power to achieve that.

Additionally, if municipal governments receive relief from the state or federal government, an emergency fund should be created to help people pay their rent or mortgages so they can stay housed.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
Erin Poor
(68508)

Angela M. Birkett

From: Spencer Munson <spencermunson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 2:51 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Eviction Moratorium NEEDED

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Dear Council Members,

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Additionally, if municipal governments receive relief from the state or federal government, an emergency fund should be created to help people pay their rent or mortgages so they can stay housed.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
Spencer Munson
(68508)

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Spencer Munson
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Program Manager - [Jazz in June](#)
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Angela M. Birkett

From: paul frink <paulfrink189@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 7:53 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: snow removal

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Why has there been very little snow removal by city. I live on 13th street. Normally i would have heard the scrapers all night Sunday and Monday. Also i didn't see any brine being used before saturday snow or this storm. The previous storm I believe was a tuesday before, something. Thanks Sarah Frink

Angela M. Birkett

From: Lance White <lance@turrisgroupllc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 1:44 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Eviction moratorium

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

To all council members,

We have great concern about the eviction moratorium being pushed. We have used our life savings as local business owners to invest in, renovate, and provide decent housing for our neighbors. It is unacceptable that the council would consider attempting to strip us of our property rights.

This situation has been caused solely by the mayor singling out and imposing restrictions on chosen businesses, and now seeks to make the situation even worse by stealing from more local business owners.

If a moratorium is forced on us lawful business owners, we will take legal action against the Mayor, city council and the city.

Please consider instead, lifting restrictions on our city/county and allow our fine citizens to go back to work. That is the only fix to this problem not punishing us for the mayor's poor choices.

Lance.

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Lance A White
Commercial Acquisitions
Turris Group LLC.
PO Box 5372, Lincoln NE 68505
402.408.4566
Investor Real Estate Professionals assisting private lenders in potentially making 10-15% annual returns backed by real estate.

Angela M. Birkett

From: John Biegler <john@revolutionpropertiesllc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 2:00 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Eviction Moratorium - AGAINST

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Hello, I've caught wind that the council is being lobbied to implement an eviction moratorium. This would be terribly harmful to landlords in Lincoln. It would force landlords to raise their rents significantly in order to cover the costs of those who can't be evicted. There are many reasons for evictions, the state eviction laws cover them very thoroughly. Most landlords cannot afford bad tenants as it is. A bad tenant that can't be evicted would be an absolute disaster.

I hope you will resist these lobbyists.

Thank you.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Ana Hyler <abhyler@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 1:58 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Landlords are suffering too!

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Please, please, please!
Help us too! We cannot survive without collecting rent!

Ana Hyler

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jerry Sukup <jsukup44@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 2:33 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Don't pass eviction moratorium

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Dear council,

Please consider the damage caused by passing a citywide eviction moratorium. Please do not do it. We would no longer have money to pay property taxes and mortgage payments. The damage to our Lincoln economy would be tremendous. How could you pay your bills if your income source dried up. Should grocery stores provide free groceries, car dealerships cars, ect.

Thank you,

Jerry Sukup

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jeffrey <thunder@global.t-bird.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 3:00 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Opposition to City Eviction Moratorium

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am writing to register my opposition to a proposed city eviction moratorium.

I would most likely be opposed to an eviction moratorium in any form but, as I understand it, the current proposal calls for an end to all evictions. This would be extremely harmful to both landlords and tenants.

I am currently in the process of evicting an individual who has a mental disability. While I feel for her situation and have done my best to try to connect her with services, she is creating a living nightmare for the other tenants in the building. Literally everyday, and often multiple times a day, she calls the police to accuse other tenants in the building of sexually assaulting her. This is not actually occurring and the police know it's not happening, yet they are required to spend time investigating it each and every time she calls - including interviewing the other tenants in the building. The other tenants have begged me to do something about the situation and we are proceeding with the eviction process. I can't imagine condemning the other tenants who live there to a world in which they are simply required to live with this situation and I have no remedy to remove a tenant that is harassing others in the building.

In the past we have also had to evict other individuals who were physically violent or threatening violence against their neighbors. Often an eviction is the only remedy in these cases.

Please do not support an eviction moratorium in the City of Lincoln.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Taija Walkowiak <taija.walkowiak@betteromaha.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 3:28 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Eviction moratorium

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Hello,

I am a small time land lord here in Lincoln and I am strongly against the eviction moratorium. As someone who was furloughed from my job while 6 months pregnant during a pandemic I totally empathize with the tough situations that people are going through. However, as a landlord I do not make as much money as people think. All of my properties have mortgages on them after the mortgage, taxes, insurance and repairs are paid for I usually only make \$100-\$200 a month. Real estate investments are similar to a 401k because they are both very long term investments. If this eviction moratorium is passed I cannot afford to keep paying the mortgage on a property that isn't paying rent. The property will go into foreclosure and the tenant will be forced to move again, the property will become distressed while it goes through the foreclosure process which will lower the value of the property and the properties around it. There needs to be a better option like offering temporary housing assistance to people who are affected by covid, the property owners should not have to take that burden on themselves and then not be able to even get possession of the property they own back.

I buy extremely distressed properties and fix them up to new construction quality and then rent them out. For example I am currently remodeling an apartment building here that was vacant and condemned. In return I increase the value (and tax assessed values) to my property and usually the properties around it as well. My properties each have gone up by \$30,000 minimum in assessed value this year alone, which means more tax revenue for the city. If an eviction moratorium is passed I will have to seriously consider if I will buy and fix up any more properties in this town. I will also have to factor this risk into my investments and increase rents accordingly, which will push this town further and further from having affordable rents.

Thank you for your consideration,

Taija Walkowiak

Angela M. Birkett

From: Megan Winans <winans0905@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 3:44 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Rent Moratorium

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Good afternoon,

My name is Megan Winans and I am a resident on Lincoln Nebraska. My husband and I were lucky enough to purchase our first rental property in 2020. We used our hard earned money to purchase this home to help us financially. It was a large and risky Investment for us. I am emailing you to tell you how much a rent moratorium would hurt our family. We need the money our renters pay us to pay the mortgage on that home. We are not slum lords. We completely renovated the home before renting it out and aren't evening charging us much as we could for rent.

Some people in Lincoln cannot purchase a home and need to rent. If a moratorium were to take place, many landlords would be forced to sell. There are already too many people looking for good single family rentals that cannot get one because they are in such high depend.

From what I've seen, unemployed In Lincoln is at an all time low. So I do not see how every person who rents would not be able to pay their rent. If there is an issue with people not paying rent, is there something the city can do to help Community Action or Lincoln Housing Authority so they can assist those who really need it?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Megan Winans

Angela M. Birkett

From: Terry Shannon Thomas <rtthommy@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 6:26 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Clearing the streets

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear City Council,

I'm writing this Tuesday, 26 January, at 6:20 pm as our Indian Village side streets still have not had any city street plows come through. Our street, High Street, is still very difficult and there have been multiple cars stuck as the street has been impassable.

We've not had any snowplows in the past year or so come our street. This is truly a big problem.

I know you have a new contract for street plows but that has never occurred here on our street. I'd appreciate you address this with your new contractors.

I'm looking forward to a reply or action regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Terry Shannon Thomas
1928 High Street
Lincoln, NE 68502

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Cj Zimmer <cjzimmer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 8:07 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Residential snow plowing very inequitable

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Evening of Jan 26th, Tuesday, day 2 of the snow storm, I left my daughter's home in the 2500 block of South 79th Street at 5:30pm. The city plow was making it's **second** pass of the day clearing their street. I was glad to see that, assuming that meant I would be able to get home reasonably well. My route, essentially Van Dorn to Normal to S. 27th was decent, especially since I timed it to avoid the evening traffic.

I got home to 347 South 28th Street, or I tried to. I got stuck twice within two blocks of my home and had to have people push my FWD Civic out. No plows had touched my street or ones adjacent to me, much less made two passes like in my daughter's neighborhood. So a wealthy neighborhood gets plowed **twice** before a poor neighborhood gets plowed even once. Sounds about right, even though I have always heard the city deny that that ever occurs.

Please do something so this stops occurring or else reduce my taxes. My tax rate should be less than half of what my daughter pays since she is getting at least twice the service.

If a contractor reported that these streets were plowed, they weren't and certainly not twice. If a city employee driving a plow reported that the street was plowed, then better spot checks and supervision need to be done.

Constance Zimmer
347 South 28th Street

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- *"Do right and fear not"*

Angela M. Birkett

From: ed long <elong1970@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 8:30 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Snow removal

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Could you tell me why there is always an issue with snow removal? The fact that it will take up to a week to clear residential streets is a joke. Can we send someone up to Omaha to see how snow removal is done the efficient way. With the mayor touting that there were over 100 crews out and about and to see the streets the way they are is laughable.

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Shellyn Sands <ssands438@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 9:17 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: State of Emergency

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Council Members,

I encourage you to approve the Resolution to end the emergency powers granted over 10 months ago by your vote.

The City Municipal Code states: Any state of emergency declared by the Mayor under Section [2.06.040](#) shall exist for the period set forth in the proclamation not in excess of seventy-two hours. The state of emergency shall not be extended beyond seventy-two hours without the approval of the City Council. (Ord. [15378](#) §7; January 8, 1990: P.C. §2.25.040: Ord. 11847 §4; November 22, 1976).

While the code expressly grants power to the City Council to extend beyond the 72 hour time period, it does not specifically state that power may be granted eternally or until ended by City Council.

The initial extension granted should have been for an additional 72 hours. And every time an extension was requested, it should have come before the city council to be granted.

Instead, the City Council approved an open ended extension with no protection for the citizens of Lincoln and with no public discussion. The citizens of Lincoln never had an opportunity to come before you in a public forum. This was a great disservice to the citizens of Lincoln and it affected all of Lancaster county residents.

It is time to allow the citizens of Lincoln to prove they are responsible adults and capable of maintaining their own health while also watching out for their neighbors. It is time to end the State of Emergency.

Shellyn Sands

Angela M. Birkett

From: Heidi Heidemann <heidiheidemann@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 9:58 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Snow Removal Scam

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

This is unacceptable! NO, NO, NO!!! Cars can't move on my street without high centering and spinning out on the snow and ice. The snow is still here and the money to remove it is gone. I am beyond rage at this disgraceful misuse of public funds. FIX THIS!!!

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Angela M. Birkett

From: Robert Boller <huskerdude43@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 11:01 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Snow Plowing

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

When the city plows the streets after a snow storm, is there no alternative to them building a 3 foot high ice dam across the entrance to my driveway which I then have to shovel out?

Bob Boller
8820 Spur Drive
Lincoln
(402) 904-9529

Angela M. Birkett

From: New Era Real Estate <newerarealestatellc@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 5:18 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Inquiry

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

We are a
Local landlord company in Lincol and we are starting to struggle with tenants using the excuse of the virus for not paying.

We still have to pay our mortgages, taxes and insurance. Please help stop.

--

Billy R

Owner

(402) 613-8720

PO BOX 4198

Lincoln, NE 68504

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Jayne Seby <jayneseby@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 6:19 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: City Streets

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I didn't expect the city to clear residential streets right away, given the massive amount of snow we've had. But I didn't expect and I refuse to accept the Transportation Department's outright lie that 70% of the residential streets have been "cleared."

Yes, a road maintainer did come down South 29th street this morning. As three of us on the 300 block can testify, he didn't have the blade down, he weaved from hitting the curb to missing it by a foot or two, and he was on the phone at the time.

I got stuck 1/2 block from my home twice this afternoon. The first time, neighbors and strangers passing through pushed me out. The second time, I just left the car as it was fairly close to the curb. But at about 3:30 in the afternoon, I observed two snow plow trucks "clearing" arterial streets. One was on North 27th Street on the viaduct. The other was on the part of Antelope Parkway that runs on the south side of Innovation Campus. The driving lanes on both these streets were already clear. The plows were shoving aside snow on the shoulders.

No one expected the residential streets to be cleared right away. But 3 days after the storm, they still haven't been touched. Anyone telling you otherwise (including the head of the Transportation Department) is lying and needs to be demoted, and preferably outright fired.

Jayne Seby
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Angela M. Birkett

From: Jayne Sebby <jaynesebby@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 6:21 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: City web site

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

P.S. The new city website sucks. Way too difficult to find anything or anyone!

Jayne Sebby

Angela M. Birkett

From: Julie Coen <juliecoen@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 6:36 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Please support local landlords

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[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Good morning,

I am an independent landlord who strives to provide quality housing to Lincoln residents. It has come to my attention that there are groups pushing for a citywide eviction moratorium until the end of Covid 19. This would be absolutely devastating for not only landlords but also for all residents of Lincoln who desire affordable housing. When you take away an owner's ability to evict you are essentially taking away control of their private property. The result of this action will be higher rents and more stringent qualification standards which will result in fewer housing options for Lincoln residents. While I understand that there are people who are suffering economically due to Covid-19, landlords are and have been willing to work with tenants on a case-by-case basis to find assistance so they can stay in their homes. I ask that you please support local landlords.

Sincerely,

Julie Coen

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jayne Sebby <jaynesebby@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 8:44 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Snow removal in the downtown area

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Other than the University campus, the Capitol area, and the city/county building, most of downtown consists now of banks, bars, and bedrooms. We bank on-line now and the bars are mostly closed down due to Covid, so the extensive snow removal going on this week is primarily for the benefit of a high-priced residential neighborhood.

I invite each of you to come to my home today and see what "snow plowing" in a non-high-priced residential neighborhood is like. But be sure to drive a big truck or a 4WD because that's the only way you'll get in and out of my neighborhood near Woods Park. Also, please bring a tow rope and help me pull my car out of the "plowed" street your Department of Transportation manager keeps bragging about.

Jayne Sebby
320 South 29th Street
Lincoln, NE 68510

Angela M. Birkett

From: Emily Killham <ekillham@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 10:53 AM
To: Council Packet; Mayor
Subject: Towing snowed in cars

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Good morning,

I arrived home from getting my children to school this morning, thanks to the help of 4 neighbors who pushed me out after I got stuck. I'm actually not complaining about the snow removal, even though it has not been done to any satisfaction in neighborhoods.

But as I'm having my coffee and trying to get my blood pressure to return to normal. I am reading the newspaper and see this article.

https://journalstar.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/police-say-dig-out-lincoln-or-your-car-could-get-towed/article_01b5976c-db9c-5057-bdc2-154f6d43181c.html?utm_campaign=snd-autopilot&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook_Lincoln_Journal_Star&fbclid=IwAR0ZBkHkVGejU-34ZXy76B0wHw0kQrJTsRIJUURsycuBmrdASjzSfXkzoz4

What?

I understand that the city requires the moving of cars every 24 hours. Whether I agree with the rules or not, I get it. People don't want abandoned or broken down vehicles on the street. It's an eyesore. I also get that it stems from failed "broken windows" policing policy.

In the best of times, it's a poor tax.

But we are now in a literal perfect storm.

1) We are in an uncontrolled global pandemic. Our (very good) leadership is asking us to work from home if possible, to limit trips out of the house, to shop once a week, etc. Our family is adhering to this. If it wasn't for school, we would probably head out of the house once or twice a week. My husband's car is not our primary vehicle and I don't believe it's moved from our garage for more than 2 weeks. But we are privileged enough to have a garage and so no one would know.

2) We had minor snow, followed by a record snow storm, followed by another inch and drifting. The city has not even done a passable job at plowing side streets. However, the city is asking us to be patient. To wait. Jim Davidsaver was quoted as saying to "hunker down." We have. We got home during the snow on Saturday and haven't left until this morning when I had to take my kids to school. And I got stuck. Again, I haven't moved my car in almost 5 days, but no one would know it because I am privileged enough to have a garage.

If you combine these two things together, it's reasonable to expect that people are unable to comply with the law and move their vehicle every 24 hours.

If the city can't reasonably clear streets, how is it reasonable to expect community members to move cars?

How about we put on our patient hats and wait until the side streets are safely passable before we start penalizing the elderly, the disabled, and the poor?

I would like to see the council and the city leadership make a clear statement that this is unacceptable. I believe you all are reasonable and can see how ridiculous this policy is.

Emily Killham

Angela M. Birkett

From: Cynthia Harley <thiahartley@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 11:46 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Moving cars in this snow emergency

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

How are people in poor neighborhoods supposed to move their cars? They don't have driveways. Where should they park when the snow is blocking all the parking on the streets? Maybe in a normal storm but this storm has their cars frozen in a foot of snow. How are disabled people supposed to shovel out of a foot of snow? Towing cars and putting people in more debt during a pandemic is cruel. People don't have any money. They're short on food. And you want to take their cars and reduce their meager income by outrageous tow fees? There has to be a better way than towing cars. Or you can contract with the tow companies and waive any tow fees for this storm to our pandemic citizens.

Sent from my iPhone