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DATE July 17, 2024
TO Kimberly Bizer Tolbert
City Manager (I)
SUBJECT **Request for Information on 9999 Technology Boulevard**

Based on the article in today's *Dallas Morning News* about the property located at 9999 Technology Blvd, there are important questions to be answered about how the City has mismanaged this property and process. Overall, please explain how the City has allowed the neglect of the property and created a hazard, eyesore, and legal liability.

Specific questions:

1. Who exactly owns the building? If it is the PFC, please explain the City's liability for the building.
2. Who has an obligation for maintenance and security? Why wasn't this taken care of?
3. What security measures were put in place before the sale to the PFC/City of Dallas and why were they not maintained? What security measures did the PFC/City take once the sale of the property was complete? Did the City know there were vandals, looters, drug activity, and possibly squatters at the site?
4. What facility and ground maintenance was instituted by the PFC/City after purchase?
5. What steps did Code Compliance take to respond to 311 calls? Why wouldn't a property like this be elevated as a problematic situation so it could be resolved immediately? Were residents told no action is required?
6. How many 911 calls have been made about the property? What steps were taken to address the findings of the property from a criminality standpoint? Was the location noted as a possible threat and no action taken?
7. What is the date the developer applied for a permit for demolition?
8. What is the expected turnaround time for a demolition permit and why has this one been delayed?
9. How has the deteriorated state of the building affected the nearby hotel, businesses, and apartment complex?
10. What is being done immediately to address these issues? I hope there will be fencing and security before the end of the day.
11. What is the status of all other vacant PFC/HFC/City-owned properties?

The status of this building, as described in the article, when coupled with the buildings at 711 S. St Paul St and 7800 N. Stemmons, shows a troubling lack of effective city management. I intend to call a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on General Investigating and Ethics in early August to review the answers of this memo and determine next steps.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at 214-670-4067.

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Sincerely,



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