

There is a community of renters (40+ families) who live in 5 apartment buildings on the 3100 block of 22nd Ave S in Corcoran near the midtown YWCA, and they are facing eviction. Their former landlord Steven Frenz used to own over 60 apartment buildings in Minneapolis.

His buildings often had cockroach and mice infestations, black mold in the walls, and some had broken heat in the middle of winter. He was known for using intimidation and threatening renters who requested repairs.

After years of neglect, they demanded heat and roach free homes.

The landlord responded by serving eviction notices, and now he's in court for retaliation.

But here's what's amazing – they are so invested in their homes that have started to repair the buildings themselves!

And, they want to buy the buildings from him, and in fact have nearly 5 million dollars from a land trust to do so. They've crowdsourced another \$125,000 to fix deferred maintenance like leaky roofs.

Affordable housing and displacement is a huge issue in Minneapolis right now. We all know that the problem is urgent and those most marginalized in our society are disproportionately feeling the impacts. The vacancy rate of rentals in Minneapolis is less than 3% while the national average is 7%. Our city is becoming unlivable.

Fighting to keep our community members in their homes is a tangible and concrete step we can take to combat the affordable housing crisis. We are fighting with these renters for their futures because they are fighting for ours. Stand with us. The time is now.

Want to plug in?

1. text the word 'STAY' to 474747

- this text chain is used to communicate with supporters about once a week when an action or meeting is happening, and will direct you to a link where you can join the e-mail listserv for updates

2. spread the word and share [these renters' story](#) on social media

Want to learn more?

1. read about the renters' fight and vision here and watch their video:

<http://www.inquilinxsunidxs.org/en/home/>

2. google 'Stephen Frenz Minneapolis' for dozens of news articles documenting this ongoing struggle