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Dear City Council Members,

My name is Scott Kashnow and I live in the Franklin Square neighborhood of West Baltimore. "Investors" that buy and hold property are damaging our neighborhood and keeping us from being able to have a vibrant business district.

For example, 1223 West Baltimore Street recently burned and the charred remains still sit on the sidewalk. As tragic as this is - it is completely expected. The building has been vacant and boarded up for as long as I can remember - at least 15 years. The side of the building is covered in graffiti. I have never seen the building open, or a single improvement made to it.

Interestingly, it is listed as the Principal Office for Poppleton Development I, LLC according to SDAT. The same company that is "redeveloping" Poppleton. The same company that received a \$51M TIF from the City.

We need to hold these "investors" accountable. 20 years is long enough to renovate a building.

It's clear that they have no intention of renovating the building. We must establish a policy with enough of a penalty that owners either fix their buildings or sell them to someone that will.

Thank you,

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