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Mr. Benjamin McGrew CPM; CCIM
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Dear Mr. McGrew:

I understand you have inspected the property at 1700 Dwight Way and 2507-09 McGee Avenue Berkeley Ca 94703. For many years, the non-profit International Institute of Bengal and Himalayan Basins has been using this property for its activities and events as well as the location of a small monotheist temple where people of all faiths and culture can come together to pray. I have attended meetings at both the buildings. Things were going well until the city suddenly closed this property. I have written several letters to various organizations and individuals, including the Berkeley City Council before and after closure in order to assist the Institute, Dr Ghosh and his tenants and volunteers.

The property has loans greater than it is currently worth but this is Dr. Ghosh's residence and he has spent his entire savings and some personal loans to improve the property from its original condition when he bought it in 1991. The City of Berkeley has done injustice to Dr. Ghosh and the institute, temple and the tenants. This housing problem has already impacted Dr. Ghosh's health, and four doctors have written the City regarding his health and unstable living conditions.

Dr. Ghosh and his structural engineer have high hopes you could help the Institute, which has been doing good work. In addition to myself, Nobel Laureates Linus Pauling and Glenn T Seaborg also helped to establish this organization.

I would appreciate any assistance you could extend to resolve this matter. I request you to review the documents and make your own assessment of the situation.

Sincerely

Nobel laureate Charles H Townes
Adviser of the International Institute
of Bengal Basin

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