



City of Norfolk

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Office of the City Council

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To whom it may concern:

I write to you today with accolades and appreciation for Mr. Richard Hewitt and the work he has done here in the great City of Norfolk.

I first met Mr. Hewitt in February of 2017. At that time, he was considering purchasing an apartment complex in my neighborhood of Wards Corner. The apartment complex, at the time, was in very poor condition and was a source of many complaints. The property and landscaping were in very poor condition. There was crime and there were other social issues repeatedly occurring on the blighted property.

Mr. Hewitt promised that, if we allowed him the necessary time to clean the place up, he would turn the apartment complex around. Since that time, he has installed new roofs, new gutters, new shutters, resurfaced the parking lots, greatly improved the landscaping, installed new HVAC units, updated the apartment interiors, and improved safety for the neighborhood.

Mr. Hewitt made a promise and he kept it. I, the neighborhood of Wards Corner, and the City of Norfolk are grateful.

Sincerely,

Martin A. Thomas, Jr
Vice Mayor, City of Norfolk