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MOTION ON NOTICE

At the Regular Council meeting on October 30, 2007, Councillor Stevenson submitted the following Notice of Motion which was recognized by the Chair:

1. **Urgent Housing Repairs and Strengthening Standards of Maintenance By-law**
(VanRIMS No. 08-1000-01)

MOVER: Councillor Stevenson

SECONDER: Councillor

WHEREAS:

- there are landlords in Vancouver who routinely fail to maintain their properties to code;
- this ongoing pattern of neglect wastes considerable time and money by City staff, as well as causing extensive suffering to the tenants who live in these buildings;
- some of Vancouver's most disadvantaged citizens are forced to live in these properties, as there is a well-known shortage of safe, affordable housing in Vancouver;
- there has been difficulty in relocating the displaced tenants of the apartment on 2131 Pandora;
- the City has the ability, through the Standards of Maintenance by-law, to repair these buildings and charge the costs to the owner, if the owner has not remedied the problems within 60 days of receiving an order (Section 23.9);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Staff immediately apply the full powers of the Standards of Maintenance by-law to 2131 Pandora Street and report back in 60 days on the status of repairs and renovations;
2. The City of Vancouver undertake any repairs or renovations required to ensure 2131 Pandora is fit for human habitation after the 60 days of the initial order has passed;
3. The City inspect and report back to council in 30 days all properties owned by the owner of 2131 Pandora, as well as any serious repeat offenders of the Standards of Maintenance by-law;
4. That staff report back in 60 days on enforcement mechanisms, including increased fines, ticketing, receivership, and expropriation, to strengthen the Standards of Maintenance by-law to ensure that Vancouver's rental housing stock is kept in good repair; and
5. That staff report back in 60 days on legislation and by-laws used in other jurisdictions to prevent rental housing from becoming vacant

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