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MEDIA ADVISORY

Steering & Rules Committee to hear President Pérez's files to address issues surrounding problem landlords

Today, **Monday, June 8 at 1:30 p.m.**, the Steering and Rules Committee will take up three files authored by **Common Council President José G. Pérez** to examine the tools with which the city is targeting problem landlords, to see whether those procedures are working, and what the city can do better to protect residents. The files were introduced in April after news broke about Samuel Stair, the owner of a local real estate group (S2 Real Estate Group) who was arrested and federally charged with conspiracy, drug counts, maintaining a drug house, and money laundering.

According to a report this spring that appeared in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, the landlord's "business model included renting his properties across the city directly to drug dealers, either to be used as 'stash houses' to store drugs or as 'trap houses,' to sell to buyers." He would then use dealers to manage the property, including finding drug addicts to whom the rental units could be rented to.

The *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* report found that since 2016, the Department of Neighborhood Services (DNS) had issued at least 360 orders to make repairs to S2 Real Estate Group properties. Stair literally told the newspaper that the best way for tenants to get action on complaints about problems at his properties is for them to make formal complaints to DNS.

The meeting will also be televised via streaming video on the city website at city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25.

What: Steering and Rules Committee
When: TODAY - Monday, June 8, 1:30 p.m.
Where: Room 301-B at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.

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