Tenants Threatened with Displacement by Former Bengals Player Chinedum Ndukwe, Will Hold Press Conference Tomorrow to Release Demands

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Tomorrow, Wednesday, January 29, Tenants of 2341 Burnett Avenue will gather in the back lot of 2341 Burnett Avenue for a press conference. This Tenant group will gather to publicly make demands of former Bengals player [insert name], who is the new owner of the property. Residents received a thirty day notice in late December, and are now facing displacement without many options.

Chinedum Ndukwe has hired Live Cincy to manage the property until it is demolished, to make room for a hotel that is currently under construction. Live Cincy distributed a notice to residents on December 30, 2019, giving them 30 days to vacate, and providing them with a phone number if they need relocation support. Several residents including a war veteran with PTSD called the number provided, but only reached a voicemail recording, directing him to a broken email address. Another resident, an elderly man who has lived in his unit for 30 years, was visited by a representative from Live Cincy, and he was told to move into a shelter.

Live Cincy and [insert Bengal name] are displacing 17 households with disregard for their mental and physical well-being. However, they received a two million dollar tax abatement from the city for that property. [The Bengal player] claims he does not want anyone displaced, but the thirty day move-out notice expires on January 30, 2020. How many households will be left in the cold?

The residents at 2341 Burnett Avenue and the Homeless Coalition are calling on the general public to support their coming demands and for those who believe in basic human justice to attend tomorrow’s press conference.