

# Jackie — Please Read Before Letting Them In

The only thing I'm asking is that you **postpone allowing City access** until we can speak with a legal representative who can offer proper advice and instruction. This single decision will affect everything that follows.

I know you want this situation to be over. I do too. But letting the City in right now — even just once — will **guarantee** more years of inspections, costs, and stress. Here's what happens if you allow access now:

**August 2025:** You allow an inspection. They enter with cameras and paperwork. Every repair or change from the past 3 years is flagged, regardless of whether it helped or hurt the home. Their goal is to restore everything to its 'pre-work' condition — as Paul clearly stated.

**September:** A legal 'Notice to Abate' arrives. It demands removal of everything improved without permits. You must either pay licensed contractors to undo it, or the City will — and bill you.

**Fall 2025:** Contractor bids arrive — inflated and non-negotiable. You're hit with a \$20,000–\$40,000 bill. There is no appeal. The threat of a lien begins.

**Winter:** The City starts demolition. Even helpful improvements are removed. You lose the value and functionality of what we built. A lien is filed. Taxes go up. Your home becomes legally stuck.

**2026 and beyond:** The City stays involved. You're under scrutiny. Stress builds. Finances tighten. And there's no way to undo what's been lost.

Jackie, please don't mistake inaction for safety. Giving them access now isn't the end — it's the beginning of something much worse. Let me keep helping. Let's pause. Let's protect what's left.

— Christopher