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Onderwerp: My Red Light .2

Geachte heren,

Ik stuur julie een tweede mail, zodat jullie de brieven direct kunnen lezen zonder HTML links.

De sexwerkers van My Red Light hebben mij gevraagd jullie deze brief te sturen.
Daarbij heb ik het moment genomen om jullie ook mijn eigen brief mee te sturen, eveneens de brief die de sexwerkers hadden opgesteld naar de RvT in januari.

Mochten jullie nog vragen hebben kunnen jullie een mail terug sturen.

Met vriendelijke groet,

[redacted]
Beheerder van My Red Light.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

[redacted]

Geachte.....

Tot mijn grote spijt heb ik moeten vernemen dat de samenwerking met [redacted] door de RvT is beëindigd. Ik ben van mening dat dit onterecht is en ben het er zeer zeker niet mee eens.

In een korte tijd heeft hij enorm veel werk gedaan voor MRL, luisterde hij naar onze suggesties en bracht vele positieve veranderingen binnen het project. Met de huursters zat het ook al vanaf het begin goed en ik weet dat ze hem vertrouwen, ze weten namelijk dat hij hun veiligheid te allen tijde voorop zal stellen.

Ik persoonlijk heb mij ook nooit onveilig gevoeld bij [redacted] dat is vandaag de dag precies hetzelfde. Ik heb het volste vertrouwen in hem en dat hij samen met [redacted] het project in een goede lift zal zetten, om het project de waardigheid te geven dat ze verdient en om doelstellingen te behalen waar het project voor is neergezet.

Waar ik al sinds eind 2019 geen vertrouwen meer in heb is de RvT, dit zijnde [redacted] plus ook huidige bestuurslid [redacted]

Het vertrouwen was immers opgezegd door het hele team en door de huursters, (Raad van Advies) maar hier geven ze geen enkel gehoor aan. Sterker nog, ze negeren het compleet, ze spelen een spelletje maar ondertussen gaat alles gewoon door. De leugens, het bedrog, niet nakomen van afspraken , de lijst is ellenlang.

Ik werk hier zelf al [redacted] jaar als beheerder en doe dit met een grote passie, ik heb een hele goede band met de huursters opgebouwd en altijd hun welzijn en veiligheid voorop gesteld. Als er problemen zijn vertrouwen ze mij dit bijna altijd toe omdat ze weten dat ik er werk van zal maken.

Er is een dringende nood aan verandering, om te beginnen met het opstappen van de RvT en huidig bestuurslid en daarbij het intreden van [redacted] als nieuw bestuur.

Anders wordt de situatie onhoudbaar, zelfs voor mij. [redacted]

Met Vriendelijke Groeten,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Dear stakeholders of My Red Light,

We heard the supervisory board of My Red Light is going to fire our manager / boardmember [redacted] We want to make clear we absolutely don't agree with this, because he is doing a great job, we trust him and we feel safe with him.

We also told this to [redacted] at the renters meeting, but she didn't listen to us. This is not the first time the board and supervisory board is not listening to the sexworkers of My Red Light and is not acting in the interest of the sexworkers. My Red Light should be about the sexworkers and not about people that have no clue about sexwork and are not listening at all to the sexworkers. Half a year ago we already asked the supervisory board to step down, because of all the mistakes they made, which they did not do. They promised us all kinds of things but realized none of them.

We do not feel safe anymore working at My Red Light with these people in the board [redacted] and supervisory board ([redacted] and we do not trust them anymore. We demand [redacted] should not be fired and be kept in the board and [redacted] should return back in the board, because we believe with them My Red Light can be a success for and together with all of us. Also we demand the current board and supervisory board to step down as soon as possible and ask you for you help by replacing them.

Best regards,

The renters of My Red Light:

[redacted]

[redacted]

Amsterdam, 03-01-2020

To the Supervisory Board of My Red Light,

We are writing in response to your handling of [redacted] and your decision not to renew the contracts of [redacted]

[redacted]

It seems to us that because of the lack of knowledge about sexwork you don't know how to handle a sensitive or pressing situation regarding this brothel. On top of that, you have shown nothing but distant behavior, that gives us the feeling how little you actually care about My Red Light, from the staff members to the sexworkers.

It also seems like you don't care for this business at all, because a very common thing we hear is that you never have the time for us.

We, the sexworkers, are getting the feeling you deliberately are neglecting the company by ignoring us, in hopes we will go away. We strongly feel that you want to see this project fail by making bad decisions without even listening to the people who are actually affected by them.

As for not renewing the contracts of [redacted], this is something that none of us renters understand. Why would you fire the two people who helped build this company from the ground and who have put the most work into it? We feel very safe with both of them and can rely on them to help us whenever they can. With them gone, you're leaving an office member without her mentor and guidance, several other office members are left with incomplete training and most of all, if one of them gets sick and neither of the others can replace them we'll be standing in front of closed doors. Something that we fear and leaving us in stress because none of us were able to work then and don't make any money! [redacted] especially, has the most experience out of anyone currently involved with My Red Light. She really should be in the Board for the time being until there are new suitable Board members, yet for some reason you decided one of your own is fit to do this job.

[redacted]

Again, you are letting someone with no experience in the sex industry make decisions for us sex workers, something we find inappropriate for a brothel that is explicitly meant as a brothel BY and FOR sex workers.

We therefore ask that you not only renew the contracts of [redacted] but that you also step down from the Supervisory Board. It is clear from all of your actions that you have no business being on the Supervisory Board for My Red Light. None of you, except for [redacted] who is on a break, have no direct experience with either doing sex work or working at a brothel in any capacity. You all appear to be too busy to give this important project the attention it deserves. Most importantly, you have not given us sex workers the attention and consideration we need. Most of us do not even know who you are, and you certainly do not know us. Why did you agree to participate in this board if you were only going to run it to the ground? That will have no consequence on your lives, but for many of us this will be disastrous. For the night renters, many of the other offices are already full and have no more windows to rent. For the trans workers, you should already know that we have limited to no other offices to choose from who will not discriminate against us.

For all of this and what happened the last couple of months, you should apologize to us sex workers and leave My Red Light immediately.

In the future we demand a say in who is appointment in the Board and Supervisory Board so we can make sure as possible that are best interests are at heart.

We have no confidence anymore in you as the Supervisory Board of My Red Light.

Sincerely,

The Advisory Board and renters of My Red Light

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