August 17, 2020

To the Raad van Toezicht,

This letter is written on behalf of both the renters (and supported by the beheerders) to the board and RVT of My Red Light in response to last night's meeting with [redacted] This is now the second time we have to write a letter like this, asking for the board and RVT to step down.

First, we insist that [redacted] be returned to the board, along with [redacted] The one renter who expressed the greatest discomfort about [redacted] has since spoken up about also wanting [redacted] to return to the office. This was made clear in last night's meeting. The beheerders who were upset by the incident also support [redacted] returning because they do not trust [redacted] and the RVT. None of us, the renters or the beheerders, trust you or feel safe with you. [redacted] told us last night that [redacted] might still be able to come back [redacted], but then how come [redacted] has already been taken off the KVK registration? We have already sent letters to the stakeholders saying that we want [redacted] to be hired back on the board, but we are informing you of this now so you have it on paper and cannot ignore it.

This brings us to the second point, which is that we request that [redacted] step down from the board without being reinstated into the RVT, and that each individual member of the current RVT also step down. Last night, [redacted] told the renters present that they could not leave unless the mayor told them to. We know this is not true. Every one of you is entitled to step down. And as [redacted] as herself said, if there is a mess, then people should leave. Well us renters are saying that the board and the RVT have been a mess for the past year and you should leave. The renters could not have said this more clearly in the meeting last night, although it seems to still go unregistered. Perhaps you on the board and RVT think you know better than us, which also proves your arrogance and condescendence towards us renters even more. If some of us came off as rude and disrespectful last night, this is because My Red Light is a place where sex workers should be the most respected, and where respect must be earned for everyone else. [redacted] have not earned our respect [redacted] kept mentioning she was supposed to be at a dinner party, as if her leisure time was more important than our safety and livelihood at MRL. Sure, [redacted] showed up last night, but she sure made it clear to us that it was a hassle to leave her beloved dinner party just to talk to us "queens."

We would not like to bring attention to [redacted] specifically, as she has served on the board for the past year. If [redacted] does not step down from the board, the renters are willing to give up their permanent contracts and strike. Our frustrations come from the following:

1) The most important issue is that we do not feel safe with nor trust [redacted] This is why we asked [redacted] to stay with us for the meeting yesterday. We know [redacted] is frequently dishonest and her behavior has only resembled contempt if not indifference for us sex workers. If the RVT takes safety so seriously in the case of [redacted] why do you not take safety seriously when it comes to yourselves? We have said multiple times over the past year that we do not feel safe with the board and RVT and we want you all to leave. [redacted] has not acted towards us renters like a person who cares about us. She says she will do things, but then never follow through. As one renter mentioned in the meeting last night, she has been waiting for two weeks to hear if she can get a permanent contract or not. [redacted] can easily find this information in the system

and call this renter but she has neglected it. [redacted] responsibilities might not be to handle managerial tasks, but it is one of her biggest responsibilities to make sure the renters feel safe at MRL. With this, she has failed spectacularly.

2) [redacted] simply does not know how to do her job. While she may not have asked for this current position, she did not reject it. She had plenty of time to catch up and learn what she needed to. Instead she is still frequently asking beheerders for help, and sometimes even the renters. While she said to us last night that she knows all of the rooms at MRL, just recently she asked which room was the Sex Salon. She has even recently asked if customers would pay before or after they have sex.
3) Last night, [redacted] said she did a lot of work during the period when MRL was closed because of Corona, but this is not true because the investors were not able to properly reach her. They were only able to reach [redacted] [redacted] found out that [redacted] was not paying the rent because she explicitly told him they did not need to do so because MRL needed the money. Even though MRL did not have the money to pay the investors, [redacted] still did not take responsibility with fixing the debt with the them, nor did she take the time to properly communicate MRL's issues and maintain a good relationship. She also did not pay invoices to the cleaners, which is why the office staff is now having to do double the cleaning work without any pay raise (all while having their travel expenses cancelled, too).
4) [redacted] has been waiting for two weeks, while working, to hear from [redacted] if her contract as a beheerder will end or be renewed.

Seeing as you seemed to disregard the first time we asked you all to step down, we hope you will take this second time more seriously. The RVT seems to believe that you do not need to listen to us sex workers, but this is not just any other for-profit brothel. This is My Red Light, where sex workers should be thought of first and foremost. Always. Our voices matter most here, or at least that was the original intention of this business and why the advisory board was created. We cannot make ourselves more clear now: we demand that [redacted] step down from the board without being reinstated to the RVT, and we demand that [redacted] step down from the RVT immediately.

Sincerely,

The renters and beheerders at My Red Light

[redacted]

The following individuals have allowed us to sign on their behalf:

