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Subject: Re: [External] Re: HF 4231
Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2024 23:53:17 -0000
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I hope the Chamber and the unions are still planning on testifying against the bill. They start with the big cities and before long it will be the entire state.

Dave

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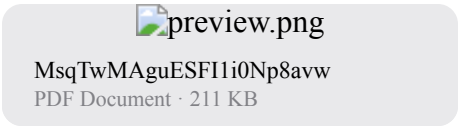
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FYI-

See the A1 which is now posted,

it appears they are limiting the scope of the proposed amortization authority to Cities of the First Class, ie. Mpls/StP/Duluth/Roch..They also want to prevent such damaged properties from being rebuilt.



Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2024, at 11:16 AM, Harn, Grady J. <gharn@larkinhoffman.com> wrote:

MN Chamber, Teamsters will be testifying against the bill tomorrow amidst others but I just spoke with Tony K and he is all over this one.

On Mar 13, 2024, at 10:46 AM, Timothy Steinbeck <tsteinbeck@hercservices.com> wrote:

This Message Is External to Larkin Hoffman.

Gentlemen,

Please see the correspondence string below and consider testifying against changes to HF4231 (attached) which is getting a hearing tomorrow, Thursday, March 14 at 8:30AM. The edits to this bill would be detrimental to not only the waste processing facility that Hennepin county owns and GRE HERC Services, LLC operates, but also other production, processing, and industrial operations across the state.

Thank you.

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Thursday, March 14, 2024 Agenda:

HF4691 (Koegel) State required to indemnify Ramsey County and Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for excess liability resulting from rail-related incidents occurring at Union Depot in St. Paul.
HF4515 (Hollins) St. Paul; franchise fee rate limitations repealed.
HF4231 (Sencer-Mura) Amortization of certain property uses authorized.
HF4507 (Anderson, PH) Swift County; hospital district board member requirements modified, and technical changes made.
HF4201 (Schomacker) Monetary caps for observance of Memorial Day removed.

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Subject: HF 4231

HF 4231 will be getting a hearing on Thursday in the House. This bill is aimed at production, processing and industrial facilities and would allow cities to use amortization against these types of facilities. Currently amortization is only allowed for adult entertainment businesses. The following email is from the EJ groups trying to get people to testify in favor of the bill. This bill could impact WTE facilities as well as every other production, processing and industrial facility in the state. Grady, I would assume that the Chamber and other trade organizations would fight this, but have you been able to get any information on who is opposing this bill. Tim, this would be a good place for labor to take a stand.

Dave

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This is an action alert y'all!
We need people to come to this in the morning if you can and support this Amortization bill. Here's more about it. Please send me your name and confirmation if you would like to help us pass this bill.

Giving cities back the power to phase out pollution
Amortization is a technique that cities can use to phase out harmful land uses after the value of property has been recovered, or "amortized," over time. It is a way of changing land use that balances private rights with the public good. But right now, the Minnesota Statutes prohibit amortization, with a few exceptions. An exception should be added so cities can phase out chronic pollution from sensitive areas.
What is the problem that needs to be fixed?
· Pollution is concentrated in BIPOC communities. The same outdated zoning decisions that segregated our cities also concentrated high-polluting industries in BIPOC and low-income communities. Decades later, residents are suffering significant, disproportionate health effects.

· Cities lack tools to address chronic polluters. Some cities are revising their zoning codes to keep high-polluting industrial uses away from vulnerable communities. But cities' hands are tied when it comes to chronic polluters. Even if the city zones out harmful uses from sensitive neighborhoods, bad actors who refuse to cooperate can continue operating in their current location indefinitely. This defeats the purpose of rezoning to address public health.
What is amortization?
· Amortization balances private rights with public health. Amortization allows cities to phase out harmful uses after the value of the property has been recovered—or "amortized." Whereas condemnation compensates the property owner by paying a sum of money, amortization compensates the property owner by giving them time. Often, by the time a property has been rezoned, the owner has already recouped much of their investment, making it feasible to phase out the use over the next few years.

· Amortization only applies to nonconforming uses. Cities occasionally change their zoning laws to redesignate the uses that are allowed in a particular area. Any use that is not allowed under current zoning is considered "nonconforming." Under the current statute, a nonconforming use can continue operating indefinitely, and there is no incentive to change the use. If amortization were available, a city could tell the property owner to phase out the activity within a reasonable period of time.

· Amortization is used across the country. In most states, cities have the option to use amortization. This is done by ordinance. For example, in 2006, National City, California, enacted an ordinance to phase out polluting nonconforming

uses in areas near sensitive populations.

· Amortization is constitutional. Minnesota courts, including the Supreme Court, have upheld amortization as a valid exercise of a city's police power. They have said that a city can use amortization if (1) the harms of the use outweigh the private property interest and (2) the owner has a reasonable amount of time to recoup their investment. The courts have also held that amortization bans did not violate due process or equal protection.[1]

What is the proposed amortization amendment?

· Currently, Minn. Stat. § 462.357, subd. 1c, bans amortization. There are a few exceptions. For example, there is an exception that allows cities to amortize sexually oriented businesses. This is because opponents of the bill banning amortization repeatedly raised concerns about those types of businesses.

· The proposed amendment would add an exception to the statute for polluting industrial uses, giving cities back the power to phase out activities that harm public health.

Why does the statute currently prohibit amortization?

· Minnesota's amortization ban was passed in 1999. Senator Pappas introduced the bill in the Senate but later had her name stricken. Former representative Peg Larson (R 56B) introduced the bill in the House.

· Supporters of the ban

o The Chamber of Commerce and the Outdoor Advertising Association pushed the legislation, claiming that amortization harms businesses. One of the court decisions upholding amortization involved billboards, so the billboard industry wanted to make sure cities could not get rid of billboards. Another recent decision had involved a cement mixing factory in St. Louis Park.

o In the past, labor unions have showed some moderate support for the ban, but given the political situation in 1999, there were likely other factors that went into the alliance between the unions and the Chamber of Commerce.

o Supporters' arguments were laser focused on a pro-business angle. They cited a few examples in which it is not clear that amortization was even being used or that property owners had attempted to contest it. They presented no hard evidence that amortization has a negative economic impact. Additionally, there was no real discussion of public health or environmental concerns.

· Opponents of the ban

o Some legislators and citizens actively opposed the ban in 1999. They maintained that it was important for a city to have multiple tools at its disposal to address problematic land uses. Opposition leaders noted that condemnation proceedings require a lengthy process and higher taxes.

o The League of Minnesota Cities opposed the ban, testifying that amortization is a rarely used but crucial tool for cities. They provided examples of cities phasing out sexually oriented businesses and scrapyards.

o Citizens and local community organizations also testified against the ban, stating that they hoped to use amortization to phase out billboards.

What about the exceptions that are in the statute now?

· Adult-only:

o Under the current statute, cities can still phase out "adults-only bookstores, adults-only theaters, or similar adults-only businesses."

o This language was added by Senator Marty in 1999. It appears to be a direct response to testimony opposing amortization, which used examples of cities phasing out sexually oriented businesses.

· Nuisance:

o Cities can also phase out a public nuisance, but under the current statute, the city first must bring a nuisance action to court.[2] This requires the city to prevent extensive evidence and expend significant money and personnel.

o In a nuisance action, a city would have to prove that harm is already occurring. And even if a polluting use causes harm, it still may be difficult to prove that it is a legal nuisance.

o This exception was added by former Representative Peg Larsen (R) in 1999. Committee discussions were not focused on public health concerns but on sexually oriented businesses that legislators felt attracted criminal activity.
How would a city use amortization?

· Before amortization could even be an option, the use would have to be nonconforming in its current district under the city's zoning code. And the zoning code would have to be consistent with the applicable comprehensive plan.

· If the use is nonconforming, the city could still choose to allow the use to continue. However, if the city determines the use has a significant impact on public health or safety, it could decide to amortize the use.

· To pursue amortization, the city would have to amend its zoning code. The code could either (1) specify an amortization period for a specific type of facility or (2) create a process by which the amortization period is determined on a case-by-case basis for each individual facility. The code would have to ensure that due process is provided to the landowner before the use is amortized.

What about other zoning tools?

· Other legal mechanisms are expensive and inefficient. Nuisance actions require significant resources, can only be used on a case-by-case basis, and require a showing that there is already significant harm. And condemnation requires taking property from the owner and paying compensation. These mechanisms have not worked to address the cumulative pollution that plagues communities with outdated zoning.

· Condemnation is a way that cities can "take" property from the owner by power of eminent domain. Minnesota statutes restrict cities' power of eminent domain. Eminent domain also requires the city to compensate the property owner.

o Condemnation can be used to remove a "public nuisance" under Minn. Stat. § 609.74. Because this provision is in the criminal code, it requires the state to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the property owner acted intentionally and that the action endangered a "considerable number of members of the public."[3] This can be difficult to prove and requires a significant expenditure of city resources in court proceedings before a nuisance action can even become effective.

o A city also has some authority to condemn property that is environmentally contaminated, but that authority is very limited. Minn. Stat. § 117.027, subd. 2. "Environmentally contaminated" means (1) 50% of the parcels in the area contain an environmental contaminant and (2) either the costs of remediation exceed the fair market value of the parcel or the property owner has failed to comply with a court order to clean up. Minn. Stat. § 117.025, subd. 8.

o A city can also use condemnation to address blight (areas with significant substandard construction) or to reduce abandoned buildings. Minn. Stat. § 117.025, subd. 11.

· Orders to remove a public health hazard: A city or county can issue an order to remove a "threat to the public health such as a public health nuisance, source of filth, or cause of sickness" that is found on "any property." Minn. Stat. § 145A.04, subd. 8. But there are many uses that harm public health—such as contributing to high rates of asthma and cancer in environmental justice neighborhoods—that would not qualify as an imminent public health hazard. And there is no assurance of compensation to the property owner.
How would this interact with other zoning policies?

· Comprehensive plans are the tools that cities use to decide what types of uses should be located in different parts of the city. For example, the City of Minneapolis designated zoning districts for residential, mixed-use, production, and other types of uses in its 2040 Plan. Comprehensive plans are developed with extensive community participation.

· Inclusionary zoning is meant to address affordable housing issues by requiring developers to set aside a percentage of housing units to low- and moderate-income households. The proposed amendment to the amortization statute would not affect inclusionary zoning. However, it would allow cities to phase out high-polluting industrial uses that are located near housing developments.

How are property owners protected?

· Public good: The city would have to show that the public good would outweigh the private property loss.

· Reasonable time: Constitutionally, the city must provide a reasonable amount of time to transition the land use, so that property owners do not lose their investment. The city can consider the "useful life" of existing facilities, whether enough time has passed so that property owners have already recouped their investment, and whether property has depreciated. For example, a two-year amortization period was reasonable for a facility that had obtained a 560% return on its investment over its years of operation, and had fully depreciated for tax purposes.[4]

· Ownership is retained: Property owners keep their land, which is not the case with condemnation. Only the use must change. To be sure, some industries may have a more difficult time relocating than others. For amortization to pass constitutional muster, cities would have to address on a case-by-case basis whether their amortization ordinances would properly compensate property owners.

Amortization is a crucial tool for addressing environmental justice, and courts have long held amortization to be a constitutional exercise of a city's zoning authority. Yet, under the current Minnesota Statutes, a city can only amortize sexually oriented businesses or criminal nuisances. Cities should have the power to phase out polluting uses from vulnerable neighborhoods.

For more information, contact:

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[redacted]

Mel Lorentz, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy
[redacted]

[1] Naegele Outdoor Advertising Co. of Minnesota v. Village of Minnetonka, 162 N.W.2d 206 (Minn. 1968).
[2] White v. City of Elk River, 840 N.W.2d 43, 52 (Minn. 2013).
[3] See State v. Otterstad, 734 N.W.2d 642 (Minn. 2007).
[4] AVR, Inc. v. City of St. Louis Park, 585 N.W.2d 411 (Minn. Ct. App. 1998).

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

On Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 10:22 AM, Zeke McKinney [redacted] wrote:

Hi Joan -

There are charts/maps regarding lead testing data (though relatively sparse in adults) here (via MDH):
Biomonitoring by age: https://data.web.health.state.mn.us/biomonitoring_lead#chart2

Childhood lead exposure on a map (and can probably infer a little of adult exposure this way): https://mndatamaps.web.health.state.mn.us/interactive/leadtract.html

The good news is that in the absence of fairly high lead exposure, adults generally are not going to have noticeable health effects. That doesn't mean that exposure is a good thing, of course...

If you would like to have an evaluation regarding environmental exposures relative to Smith Foundry, you can be seen in my Environmental Medicine (environmental exposure) clinic at the HealthPartners West End Clinic (1665 Utica Ave. S., St. Louis Park, MN 55416) and you can schedule an appointment at [redacted] We would most likely be happy to test you (or monitor testing moving forward) as well as provide recommendations about environmental monitoring if needed. You can be seen by my colleague Erik Haltson, PA-C or myself, though admittedly my schedule is booked out about 2-3 months, so seeing my colleague Erik is possible in a much shorter timeframe (a couple of weeks?).

Interestingly, in my work as an occupational and environmental medicine physician, I have actually toured Smith Foundry andI can tell you that it is a very dirty and hazardous work environment.

I am happy to try to answer questions regarding lead testing/monitoring in this venue (e-mail), with the caveat that I cannot provide specific medical advice in this context and anything I say will really be about lead and its health hazards broadly.

Thanks!

Zeke

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On Wed, Oct 25, 2023 at 10:08 AM Joan M Vanhala <Joan.Vanhala@hennepin.us> wrote:

> After living down the street from the Smith Foundry for 30 years, I have had my blood lead levels tested. 10 years ago I had traceable levels of lead and cadmium in my blood. I am have my blood tested again next week since its been so long.
>
> How can we advocate for free blood lead testing in the East Phillips neighborhood along with other areas of concern ie: North Minneapolis re: incinerator.
>
> We have maps of asthma rates – how about maps of concentrations of blood lead levels?
>
> Joan Vanhala
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> [redacted]

From: Roxxanne OBrien [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 9:59 PM
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I agree Michelle and I can work on answering some of your questions but I'm hoping others chime in too about the subject. For context I'll attach what you read Michelle.

This is our public comment we just turned in on October 6th. There was a deadline to get public comments in on record about the Cumulative Impact Bill. The grants the MPCA brought up the other night are additional funds from the Justice40 initiative and lots of other pots of money. The Cumulative Impact Bill is about Air quality and environmental reviews and MPCA permitting or not based on environmental reviews. We are in the rule making phase of the bills process and its alot.

Don't get discouraged though. Keep asking questions and keep demanding answers and keep organizing and checking on each other. I certainly appreciate it.

Talk soon

Roxxanne

On Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 03:07:13 PM CDT, Michelle Shaw [redacted] wrote:

It was great seeing so many of you last night.

Roxxanne, I read your comments, and those statistics were one of the reasons I asked my question last night in terms of how the funding gets prioritized. Is it about the air that's getting breathed in? Is that the most dangerous? Do we address it by providing healthy food, thereby tackling health disparities? Unfortunately, that alone won't eliminate health disparities when you have GAF, Northern Metals, HERC, Smith Foundry, and so on spewing toxins into our air. We need money for both. The City used to say natural gas was the number one polluter. Is it still?

And then who decides the priorities? Is it the MPCA or the communities constantly being impacted where work is being done on many of these issues as I write this, most often by community members who take up the cause?

Those dollars just won't matter if all the pollution at the businesses mentioned above is allowed to continue. How do we get all that to stop first? Looking forward to continued conversations!

On Mon, Oct 23, 2023 at 2:59 PM Nahid Khan [redacted] wrote:

> Hello everyone:
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> Sorry to miss this important meeting but I am returning from a trip and won't have arrived in time.
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> I will catch up with the recording.
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> Anyone interested in updates regarding MnDOT's Hwy 252 / I-94 project are welcome to contact me.
>
> Yours, Nahid Khan.

On Mon, Oct 23, 2023 at 2:57 PM B. Rosas [redacted] wrote:

> Hi all-
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> I unfortunately have a standing meeting tonight that I am attending, but I hope the conversation goes well and I'm looking forward to hearing how it goes.
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> Best,
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> B.

On Mon, Oct 23, 2023 at 2:33 PM Carolina Ortiz [redacted] wrote:

> Hi everyone,
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> Planning to attend as well, see you all soon.
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> **From:** Zeke McKinney [redacted]
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Subject: Re: EJ Community Dialogue

Hi all -

I am planning on attending, so looking forward to see you all!

Thanks!

Zeke

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Kristen Johnson, [redacted]

On Mon, Oct 23, 2023 at 2:13 PM Jennifer Nguyễn Moore [redacted] wrote:

> Hello all, (good to see your name Donya!)

Thanks for including me in this event. Unfortunately I am not able to make it. I'm the sole child caregiver this week since my husband's out of town.

Please keep me posted with any updates and notes. Glad to see folks will be there to represent!

Mạnh giỏi nhé. Cảm ơn (**Be well.** Thank you in Vietnamese),

Jennifer Nguyễn Moore *(she/her/they/them)*

On Mon, Oct 23, 2023 at 4:55 AM Tee McClenty [redacted] wrote:

> Good morning!
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> Unfortunately, I'm traveling out of town this morning to attend a conference. Although I'm unable to attend, please mark me as a participant.
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> Have a great meeting!
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> Tee
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> Tee McClenty (she/her)
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> Executive Director
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> MN350 & MN350 Action
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> On Sun, Oct 22, 2023, 12:20 PM Roxxanne OBrien [redacted] wrote:
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> > One more thing so we are on the same page and so our communities can stay in the loop with CMEJ's comments to the MPCA and the State. (Attaching our two page comments)
> >
> > Please read and let us know your thoughts if you are interested in connection.
> >
> > Hope you all are enjoying your Sunday.
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> > Thanks y'all
> >
> > Roxxanne

On Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 10:38:42 AM CDT, Sophia Benrud [redacted] wrote:

Hey!

I am planning on being there!! See y'all soon!

-sophia

On Sun, Oct 22, 2023 at 10:34 AM Roxxanne OBrien [redacted] wrote:

> I'll be there. More to observe and maybe have a young person there to record.
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> CMEJ initiated this and made sure we saw it through so we definitely find it important. We also appreciate all who stepped up to take it seriously. Look how far we got… also I have information about the Zoning work we have been doing at the municipal level. We are working on an another bill at the State this upcoming year and we will need all hands on deck to finish what we started.
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> Happy Sunday
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> Roxxanne
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> On Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 08:48:57 AM CDT, Sachi G [redacted] wrote:
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> Thanks for sending the calendar invite, Donya!
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> All - just wanted to reiterate that this is a top priority from other EJ groups (the MN EJ table, the Frontline Community Protection Coalition, as well as CURE and Sierra Club). I have a meeting up until 5 but am hoping to make the second half at UROC.
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> Sachi
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> On Wed, Oct 11, 2023 at 3:07 PM la shella sims [redacted] wrote:

Just sent invite to Nextdoor & Facebook contact lists. If this meeting has be changed or cancelled, someone needs to let me know ASAP!!

On Tue, Oct 10, 2023 at 8:37 AM Dawson, Donya (MPCA) <Donya.Dawson@state.mn.us> wrote:

> # Friendly Reminder….
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> Greetings!
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> The next EJ community dialog meeting has been scheduled with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) leaders, and we look forward to seeing you and having a productive conversation on climate change. Community members who responded to past surveys about subjects to discuss in these meetings requested climate change and potential funding sources as topics of interest. Members of our MPCA Climate Team will be at the meeting to listen, share information, and discuss these topics. They will also include in their presentation information about wildfire smoke and some tools for tracking air quality in your community.
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> As a follow up to the request from community members this meeting will be recorded.
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> Please share this invitation with other folks who you think would be interested in joining the meeting.
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> DETAILS:
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> **Date: October 23, 2023 | Time: 5:00PM – 7:00PM**
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> **Location: UROC 2001 Plymouth Ave N. Minneapolis, MN 55411**
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> Additional topics identified by survey respondents to consider for future meetings.
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> - Wildfire smoke
> - Green energy (transitioning technologies)
> - Feedback loop from these discussions to community and “measurable impacts on the qualitative aspect of marginalized communities”(how are these discussions informing our decisions as an agency and how are we delivering measurable outcomes)
> - Cumulative Impacts Bill and Rezoning

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la shella sims

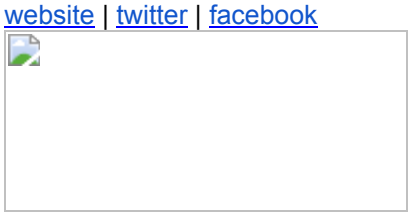
I am Black/African American, I am Not BIPOC.
BIPOC is the quiet, modern-day, intentional, systemic method of making me and my direct descents/heritage invisible. Thereby, eventually contributing to the eradication of Black people, their history and their contributions to America.

If one espouses equity, one has the duty and responsibility of doing equity. Otherwise, you are being disingenuous and less than candid. - la sims

** Use wisdom and good judgment in ALL things. -la sims*

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B. Rosas, they/them
Policy Manager
[redacted] (c)
Occupied Dakota homeland and Anishinaabe territory
website | twitter | facebook



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Michelle Shaw

Minneapolis Edible Boulevards Coordinator

Check out our summer cooking classes!

[redacted]

Born in SD near Council Rock, the gathering site of Očhéthi Šakówiŋ

Living on Mni Sota Makoce-Dakotah Homeland Where Water Meets the Clouds

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