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Now is the time for climate action! Now is the time for climate justice! If we wait any longer it will be too late.

The City of Saint Paul itself has publicly proclaimed that we are in a "climate emergency." Since we are in the middle of this existential emergency we must as a city take every opportunity we can to tip the balance toward a healthy future.

The Heights development (former Hillcrest golf course) is a clear example of how we take climate action as a city. Below are just a few of the climate actions we could take with this opportunity.

- We could create this development with zero carbon goals and in doing so set an example for other communities.
- We could create local energy production through on-site solar, district heating/cooling, etc.
- We could build a community where residents have a stake in the neighborhood, residents have ownership in their housing and energy infrastructure. (ie cooperative ownership)

To make sure these goals can become a reality, we must move forward on the Hillcrest Master plan and stick to the climate goals set within.

Thank you for your leadership in making Saint Paul a climate leader.

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