

SAINT PAUL FEDERATION OF EDUCATORS LOCAL 28

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Council President Jalali, Council Vice President Kim, Council Members Bowie, Johnson, Jost, Noecker, and Yang,

I am writing to share our support for the proposal to introduce Administrative Citations as a way for the City of Saint Paul to enforce city ordinances.

The City of Saint Paul has passed a number of ordinances to protect working families, such as Minimum Wage, Earned Sick and Safe Time, and Rent Stabilization. The City of Saint Paul has a dedicated Human Rights Department (HREEO) to ensure that ordinances are being followed. And yet, we have no way - short of pursuing a criminal complaint - to enforce these necessary ordinances.

Administrative Citations can be an effective way to hold non-compliant businesses accountable in a way that is quick, efficient and effective. Administrative Citations are used for this purpose across the country, and could be helpful here.

I trust that this City Council has the wisdom and experience to ensure that Administrative Citations will not be used to harm individuals, or used as a tool to expand inequity in Saint Paul by targeting BIPOC, immigrant, and LGBTQIA+ communities.

Sincerely,

Leah VanDassor Presidents, Saint Paul Federation of Educators

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Dear Council President Jalali,

I'm writing as your constituent to be on record in support of the charter amendment to allow the city to issue administrative citations for code compliance.

I trust I can count on your vote in support of this and I want to thank you for your work in obtaining a tool the city can use to hold negligent property-owners (such as CVS) to account without having to resort to full-blown court cases.

Thank you for all you do for our city!

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