

Mr. Thao,

Once again I am appalled at the idiocy of our St. Paul City Council and hope that you are not a supporter of this insane proposal.

Apparently the council is unaware that this great nation fought a civil war to end the immoral subjugation of slaves in America. Minnesota, then the newest state, was the first to pledge volunteers to the Union cause. Our First Minnesota is still regarded with awe because of our suicidal charge at Confederate troops at Gettysburg that allowed precious minutes for the Union to regroup.

MY ANCESTORS FOUGHT FOR THE UNION SIDE!!! I am not responsible for southern slave owners. I have never owned slaves nor have any of my ancestors and our state was never a slave owning state.

As I see it, this is simply an end run against anti-discrimination laws to give money outright by some council members to minority constituents and it is a bad precedent.

Could the city council please lower the minimum wage so people can get back to work, fix the streets, lower regulatory burdens, work with the school board to improve government schools, hire police officers and simply do its job!!! Instead you are off on tangents. St. Paul is already reeling from shut downs, St. Paul's coffers will be effected and this is what you want to spend money on???

Disgruntled citizen,

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Council Member Thao,

I support the resolution calling for the creation of the St. Paul Recovery Act Community Reparations Commission,

Rev. Grant Abbott
Retired Episcopal priest
Retired executive director, Saint Paul Area Council of Churches (now Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul)

Dear Councilman Thai,

I was excited to hear that a commission to study reparations is being considered today. Please put your full support behind this commission. It's so important that we finally start the conversations around these historical and present day atrocities.

Thank you,

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