

Administrative citations proposal

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Hello Members of the St Paul Charter Commission,

My name is Sarah Mullins, I live in the Summit-University neighborhood of Ward 1 and I am an ISAIAH leader. I am writing today in support of administrative citations for city ordinances, including earned sick and safe time and \$15 minimum wage ordinances. These ordinances are essential to the well being of workers of our city. No matter our race, age, or zip code, every person deserves fair compensation and benefits. Low wage service workers have been providing for the essential needs of St Paul residents throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. They deserve the full protections of these ordinances, not in theory, but in practice. This is why I support giving the city the power to levy administrative citations. This is a fair and more efficient approach to implementation of the ordinances. It is better for all of the parties involved -- including employers and employees. It permits the city to create accountability mechanisms and avoids burdening individuals with a criminal conviction. The operational details of the administrative citations system should be left to our elected officials on the City Council, not determined by the unelected Charter Commission. For these reasons I ask that you advance the Administrative Citations proposal and let the City council vote on it. An unelected body should not block our elected leaders from taking action.

Thank you,

Sarah Mullins