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Amending the City's Adopted Legislative Agenda for the 2021 Legislative Session.

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul is a major center of commerce and business activity; and

WHEREAS, the City has met the unique challenges of an unprecedented year by responding to a global pandemic, local civil unrest and community trauma; and

WHEREAS, cities provide important public services including police, fire, public works, code enforcement, libraries, parks and recreation, housing and economic development, and city administration; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul, as the capital city, must protect and enhance its community, cultural, educational, and entertainment assets of statewide importance which contribute to our regional economic competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul continues to act with purpose to ensure that people in our region can live and work in a diverse, vibrant community with quality educational opportunities, safe streets and modern infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul is challenged to address the societal impacts related to the academic achievement gap, employment disparities and the concentration of poverty; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul welcomes a continued partnership with the Governor and Legislature to help stabilize property taxes, create economic development, improve public safety, and repair or replace our core infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul encourages the Governor and Legislature to view all legislative action through an equity lens and ensure that legislation proposed and passed avoids further marginalization and continuing disparities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul is amending its 2021 Legislative Agenda to include and support various resiliency, transit, immigration, economic development, and racial justice proposals; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the attached item is the Amended Legislative Agenda of the City of Saint Paul for the 2021 Minnesota legislative session.