

Dear Metropolitan Governance Task Force,

I am writing to request the restructuring of the Met Council. I am concerned about the wasteful spending of the Met Council on the proposed Blue Line Light Rail Extension and the currently overbudget SWLRT. The millions of taxpayer dollars they continue to put toward a project that was initially planned nearly 20 years ago, was supposed to already be completed in 2021 and yet does not have a defined path forward is astounding. Additionally, the lack of review of alternate transit options that are significantly less expensive and less disruptive continues to be a concern that we the taxpayers will continue to dump billions of dollars into their failed vanity projects.

Minnesota residents cannot continue to spend their hard-earned tax dollars on a project that is far behind schedule and faces significant opposition from the communities it will destroy. The Met Council as it stands does not have any responsibility to act in the best interest of the citizens it serves and continues to show disregard for the communities impacted. I urge you to consider the restructuring of the Met Council to prevent such wasteful spending in the future.

Attached you will find a petition from residents of 918 Lofts that has been submitted to the Met Council outlining our concerns with their project management. This has been met with little to no meaningful response from the Met Council which continues to show their disregard for the communities that they are supposed to serve.

Additionally, we have a change.org petition with over 600 signatures expressing concerns with not only the BLRT extension but the lack of review of new modern transit modes.
<https://chnq.it/PNfHpsNsjn>

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Matthew Bruns

Subject: Petition Opposing Light Rail on N. 10th Ave

City, County, and State leadership,

We, the undersigned residents of the 918 Lofts, strongly oppose the proposed light rail project on N. 10th Ave. We are united in our belief that such a project would have negative repercussions for our community, and we implore you to consider our collective concerns as you evaluate this proposal.

The 918 Lofts is not just a building; it's our home, a place where we have come together to create a vibrant and harmonious living environment. The potential introduction of a light rail system on N. 10th Ave could disrupt the flow of traffic, cause traffic congestion, and pose safety hazards for both pedestrians and drivers. The construction phase alone might lead to increased noise, road closures, and restricted access to our building, severely inconveniencing residents and visitors alike.

Moreover, our community's unique aesthetic and character would be at risk. The presence of overhead lines, platforms, and stations that accompany a light rail system could mar the beauty of our surroundings, ultimately impacting property values and diminishing the quality of life we cherish at 918 Lofts.

While we recognize the necessity of efficient transportation options, we believe that alternative routes and transportation modes should be thoroughly explored to minimize the adverse effects on our community. There may be more suitable locations or alternate transit solutions that better align with the identity and atmosphere of our neighborhood.

In light of these collective concerns, we, the residents of 918 Lofts, vehemently oppose the proposed light rail on N. 10th Ave. We urge you to prioritize our voices and consider the long-term impact of this project on our living environment and quality of life.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We eagerly await your response and hope that our united stand will be acknowledged and respected.

Sincerely,

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Unit:

Signature:

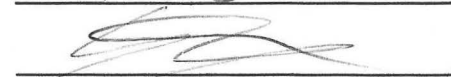
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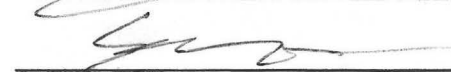
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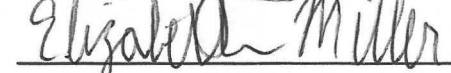
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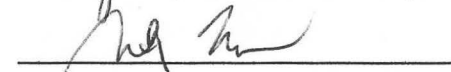
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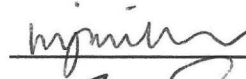
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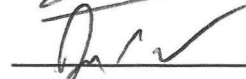
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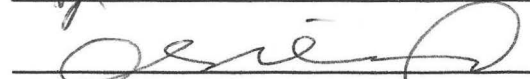
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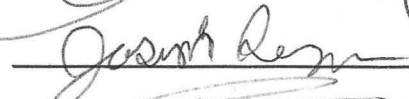
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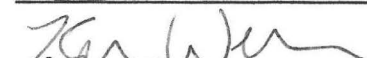
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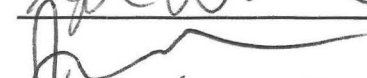
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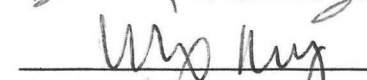
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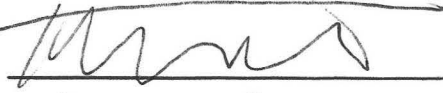
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