REPORT / RECOMMENDATION

To: MAYOR & COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: IX. A.

From: Debra Mangen
City Clerk

Date: February 17, 2015

Subject: Correspondence

Action ☒
Discussion ☐
Information ☐

Action Requested:
No action is necessary.

Attachment:
Attached is correspondence received since the last Council meeting.

Heather Branigin

From: Mark Chamberlain <beetlebug00@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 4:09 PM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: 7200 France at Tonight's Council Meeting

Dear Mayor and Members of the Edina City Council,

It is my understanding that at the Council meeting this evening that the developers who had proposed a residential development for 7200 France will be requesting an extension of consideration for their proposal.

On behalf of the neighborhood and for the integrity of our City, and specifically you the Council members, I respectfully ask that you deny this request.

At the last City Council meeting, the Mayor could not have been more clear when he asked the developer if they wanted to withdraw their proposal so they could continue working with the City on it, but if a vote to change the Comprehensive Plan was taken and the vote failed that the developer could not come back with a residential proposal for a year. The developer responded by asking if they could still bring their proposal for a medical building forward, and when they Mayor said they could, the developer asked the Council to vote so they could move ahead with their Plan B for a medical office building.

A vote was taken and the vote failed. Regardless of the legal contortions that can be done to continue to move this plan forward, the right thing to do, the ethical thing to do, is to tell the developer tonight that you will see them in a year, and ask them to bring forward a proposal that is in alignment with the Comprehensive Plan.

I know that some of you do not want to see a medical building on this site, but at this point, that's beside the point. Being true to your word is the point, both for the Council who said the developer couldn't bring a residential proposal back for a year if the vote failed, and for the developer who acknowledged by their request for a vote that they understood they couldn't bring residential back for a year.

Coming of age in the seventies on the heels of Watergate, I heard over and over again that the end does not justify the means. That is as true today as it was then. Getting an over-sized residential project on the property rather than a medical building does not justify breaking your word, or faith with your constituents, to get it.

To be clear, the residents of our Cornelia neighborhood are not objecting to residential on this site, if it were to be within the limits of the Comprehensive Plan. Our primary objection is, and always has been, the density of the proposed project. Given the limited choice between an over-sized residential development and a Comp Plan compliant medical building we overwhelming prefer the medical building. But why not ask the developer to come back with a Comp Plan compliant residential proposal next year?

I urge you tonight to do the right thing and tell the developer that their will be no waiver granted. The rules were laid out, the game was played, and the clock has expired.

Sincerely,

Mark Chamberlain
Cornelia Neighborhood Communications Coordinator regarding 7200 France

P.S. Do you think Seattle would like a chance to redo their decision to throw a pass when it was 2nd and 1 with 20 seconds to go and a chance to win the Super Bowl? Sometimes you make a bad call and you have to live with it. I feel the developer made a bad call when they turned down the Mayor's offer to withdraw their proposal, but now, like Seattle, they should have to live with it.

Heather Branigin

From: Virginia Kearney <vmkearney@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 4:51 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Support for the Bee/Chicken Ordinance

To The Mayor Hovland and members of the City Council of Edina,

I urge you to support changing the city ordinance of Edina to allow honey bees and chickens.

I speak as someone very familiar with chickens. I have a long family tradition of keeping chickens. We always had one or two as pets when I grew up in Northfield. And, I have had a few chickens in my yard in Edina for over 15 years. Chickens make great pets. They behave very much like cats or dogs. My chickens come when called, recognize the sound of my (and my neighbor's) voice, and have very distinct personalities. I also place great value on having chickens as a learning tool for my nursery school students. Every year my chickens visit our school and help teach the children about the life and habits of chickens. My students love to drop by my house and visit the chickens, bringing them treats and checking for an egg.

As an avid gardener, I also rely on my chickens for pest control. I have virtually no slugs in my yard, and very few Japanese beetles and other damaging insects. I am able to use the bedding from my chicken coop and chicken droppings to make fabulous and fast compost for my large garden.

Morningside, at least, has a long history of keeping chickens. It is my understanding that having chickens was one of the reasons that Morningside wanted to secede from Edina in 1920. Keeping a few chickens allows residents to participate in this rich history.

I hope that you will consider changing the ordinance. Edina should keep up with changing attitudes about self-sufficiency and local foods, and recognize the value that chickens offer to our lives.

Virginia Kearney
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Heather Branigin

From: Patrick Frimat <Patrick.FRIMAT@rsivideotech.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 8:36 PM
To: Cary Teague
Cc: David Fisher; Scott H. Neal; James Hovland; Cindy Larson; Breanne Rothstein
Subject: New Plans for 5508 Dever Dr

Dear Mr Teague
I have just been informed that new plans have been submitted for the lot at 5508 Dever Dr.
While the plans are not indicating any need for a variance, they show the creation of a 10 feet drop off over 2 retaining walls built within a couple yards of my backyard (North side).
The plans don't show any sign of the existing row of Arbor Vitae trees along the property line, most of which are on my side of the line.
The plans don't show any protection (fence or barrier) along the property line once this drop off has been created.
I sincerely hope that the City will take this into consideration and request the plans to be amended accordingly..
Please don't hesitate to contact me for more information.
Regards

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Heather Branigin

From: Susan Furlow <susanfurlow@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 6:47 PM
To: Edina Mail; 'James Hovland'; Kevin Staunton; Scott H. Neal; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); SwensonAnn1@gmail.com
Subject: Follow-up on the MAC Noise Data Presentation:

Dear Mayor Hovland, Mr. Neal, and Council Members Swenson, Stewart, Brindle and Staunton,

I want to **thank you all** for supporting our airplane noise concerns at last night's Council meeting. It was great to hear your questions, your ideas, and to hear you tell the MAC it's not "case closed" for Edina now that the noise study is complete.

The MAC noise study conclusions were presented in a fairly narrow manner. The real picture emerges when you talk about the frequency of departures along the Edina corridors (the *"death by a thousand cuts"* that the Mayor referred to). Also, we need to look at the relative number of Edina overflights as compared to total MSP departures for a given time period. The percentages of total departures heading over Edina is very high, and the rationale for pushing these flight our way is not 100% weather-related. This is the "fairness issue" that was brought up last night. I was cautiously happy to hear that the MAC is going to look at alternative runway use options, something we can push them to pursue.

Though RNAV (for departures) is postponed for now, the MAC's diagrams show that we already have RNAV-like patterns of heavy flight concentration over Edina. Air traffic is clearly not as "fanned out" as it used to be, and we need to take care not to let our current noise burden be our new, accepted "normal."

I wholeheartedly support the idea of a City-wide meeting this spring, with the goal of educating our community, and bringing together the Edina groups who are involved, active or just concerned. As a team, we can do more and work more effectively with the MAC, NOC, FAA and Delta.

Thanks again for your support!

Regards,
Susan Furlow

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Heather Branigin

From: Isaac Rothberg <isaac@cantconvertlovemn.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2015 12:44 PM
To: Isaac Rothberg
Cc: Melisa Franzen; Ron Erhardt; Faith Rothberg; Steven Rothberg
Subject: Invite to Rothberg house party for Can't Convert Love

Greetings!

You're invited to a house party hosted by myself and my parents, Faith & Steven Rothberg, for Can't Convert Love MN, an organization I'm proud to be working for. We're currently trying to pass a bill to ban conversion therapy for minors and vulnerable adults in Minnesota, and prohibit Medicaid reimbursement for such therapy.

Sen. Melisa Franzen and Rep. Ron Erhardt will be cohosting. We're very excited to have them there as strong supporters of our bill!

EVENT INFO:

Can't Convert Love MN House Party
Time: **Sunday February 15, 4:00pm - 6:30pm**
Place: 5824 Ewing Ave S, Edina, MN 55410
Hosts: Isaac Rothberg, Faith & Steven Rothberg
Cohosts: Sen. Melisa Franzen, Rep. Ron Erhardt
RSVP: reply to this email, or reach Isaac at (952)-686-1095

Likely speakers:
Sen. Melisa Franzen (SD49)
Rep. Ron Erhardt (HD49A)
Rep. Paul Rosenthal (HD49B) might drop by (yet to be determined)
Isaac Rothberg, host, Organizing & Outreach Director for CCLMN
Gabe Aderhold, Founder & Campaign Manager for CCLMN
Zander Danielson-Sellie, Political Director for CCLMN
Faith & Steven Rothberg, hosts

This is a closed event. You can absolutely invite your friends but please let me know who will be attending ahead of time.

INFO ON THE ISSUE:

Conversion therapy, also known as reparative therapy or "ex-gay" therapy, attempts to change someone's sexual orientation or gender identity.

We're opposing it because, as all reputable medical and mental health associations have said for decades, conversion therapy is not only ineffective, but in fact often leads to severe emotional harm: Anxiety, depression, PTSD, and even suicide.

And yet, it's still practiced by licensed health care professionals, such as Marcus Bachmann, husband of former Congresswoman Michele Bachmann. Therapists can perform it, bill it as general counseling, and receive Medicaid reimbursement. Our public tax dollars are going to this vile practice!

This fight is about protecting our most vulnerable. This fight is about saving lives.

MORE INFO ON EVENT, DONATIONS:

Please join us for our event! There will be drinks and appetizers, and both legislators and members of CCLMN (including myself) will speak on the issue.

Although by no means required to attend, we would greatly appreciate donations to our cause. We are short on funding at the moment for lobbying and outreach efforts. We'll be accepting cash and checks at the party. Anything helps! If you'd like to donate ahead of time or if you can't make it to the event but would like to donate anyway, you can do so here: https://rally.org/cclmn

Thanks so much for your support. I'm really looking forward to the party and would love it if you can make it. Hope to see you there!

Isaac

January 31, 2015

James Hovland or current Mayor
City of Edina
4801 W. 50th St.
Edina, Minnesota 55424-1330

Dear Mr. Hovland,

The debate over what future automotive systems will look like is ongoing and I thought you might be interested in my 12-17-07 letter to IEEE Spectrum magazine on the matter. The National Highway Safety Traffic Administration (NHSTA) statistics mentioned in my letter are a little broad in one regard, ie: the number of debilitating injuries resulting from vehicles striking utility poles. For this estimate, we have to use the results of war, say the Korean War. In this war there were 33,667 Americans killed or missing in action & 103,284 Americans wounded due to hostilities.

We reason that stout utility poles, how they are employed, are efficient killing and maiming devices the same as bullets, etc. Therefore, all we must do is ratio the injuries to the deaths in the Korean War and apply the ratio to the deaths from vehicles hitting utility poles to arrive at the following. Therefore we can say, based on statistics compiled by the NHSTA and modified by the above, that in 2005 & 2012 respectively, there were

1,852 and 1,471 fatalities,

5,682 and 4,513 debilitating injuries,

66,318 and 44,487 lesser injuries, and

153,000 and 127,000 property damage only accidents in

the United States resulting from vehicles hitting utility poles.

Why vehicles that leave the road hit utility poles was addressed first by a paper dated 2-13-68 by Paul C. Skeels, Engineer-in-Charge of Safety Test Engineering at the General Motors Proving Ground entitled "The Role Of The Highway In A Safe Transportation System," and later by the Minnesota State Road Standards.

Ken Sharp

Ken Sharp
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December 17, 2007

Editor
IEEE Spectrum Magazine
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Dear Sir,

I read with interest new ideas (see an article entitled "California to Rule On Fate of EV's" in the November, 2007 issue of IEEE Spectrum magazine) concerning fast charging and high powered battery packs capable of running an electric car with 10 minute charging times and 160 kilometers (or about 100 miles) capability between charges. Electric heat and air conditioning for the electric car would, of course, reduce this capability; but otherwise these ideas sound good. However, we should look at the unintended consequences. For instance, for one car this would require about a 500 KW charging station (see an editorial comment entitled "Unintended Consequences" in the November, 2007 issue of IEEE Spectrum magazine). Or, in other words, this would require enough capability to serve maybe 50 electrically heated 1,000 square ft homes. Can you imagine a small industrial type electric substation at each charging station (say for 10 cars) and can you imagine yourself or others connecting and disconnecting multiple high current cables with each charge. For many reasons this sounds foolish and dangerous.

Probably what the electric industry would like you to do is to charge your car all night (say about 8 hours) thereby reducing the demand for this charging task to about 1/48 of 500 KW or a little over 10 KW. Although this would still pose many problems, the slow type charging systems are much more manageable. This sounds much better but we should still look at the unintended consequences of this action.

Every year in the United States there are a great number of accidents involving vehicles and utility poles. For instance, statistics compiled by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration indicate that in 2005 there were

1,852 fatalities,

72,000 injuries, and

153,000 property damage only accidents in

the United States resulting from vehicles hitting utility poles.

The foregoing describes unintended consequences of using utility poles along roadways to date. We would not begin to estimate how many more utility poles would have to be placed along roadways should we attempt, on a grand scale, to serve the electric car. But we imagine there would be more, and probably a lot more. In short, we suggest there would be lots more of everything associated with electric generation, transmission and distribution.

Ken Sharp
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Indianapolis, Indiana 46260

Heather Branigin

From: Jan Callison <noreply@qemailserver.com>
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 12:26 PM
To: James Hovland
Subject: Survey Reminder: Southwest LRT Community Works Steering Committee Survey

One last reminder to please complete this survey before the end of day Monday 2/9/15. Thank you for your time.

Follow this link to the Survey:
Take the Survey

Or copy and paste the URL below into your internet browser:
https://hennepin.co1.qualtrics.com/WRQualtricsSurveyEngine/?Q_SS=086aoVHvTp9Q2hf_erlYrTGU2ZT50xv&_=1

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Heather Branigin

From:	Dutcher, Amanda <adutcher@gpisd.net>
Sent:	Sunday, February 08, 2015 1:43 PM
To:	Dutcher, Amanda
Subject:	You're invited to a Great Plains Institute Energy Innovation Forum
Attachments:	You're Invited to a Great Plains Institute Energy Innovation Forum.pdf

The Great Plains Institute and Faegre Baker Daniels LLP are pleased to invite you to a

GREAT PLAINS INSTITUTE ENERGY INNOVATION FORUM
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
3:30 - 7 pm

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CASUAL, THOUGHT-PROVOKING "SALON-LIKE" EVENING OF FOOD AND DRINK AND LEARN ABOUT:

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Brian Ross, Senior Program Director, Great Plains Institute
Jason Willett, Finance Director, Metropolitan Council Environmental Services

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Rolf Nordstrom, President and CEO, Great Plains Institute

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Brendan Jordan, Vice President, Great Plains Institute

3:30-5:30 PM - FORUM
5:30-6 PM - SOCIAL
6-7 PM - BUFFET DINNER

RSVP ~ https://gpiforum.eventbrite.com ~ (612) 278-7159

Please see attached PDF invitation for more details. We hope to see you there!

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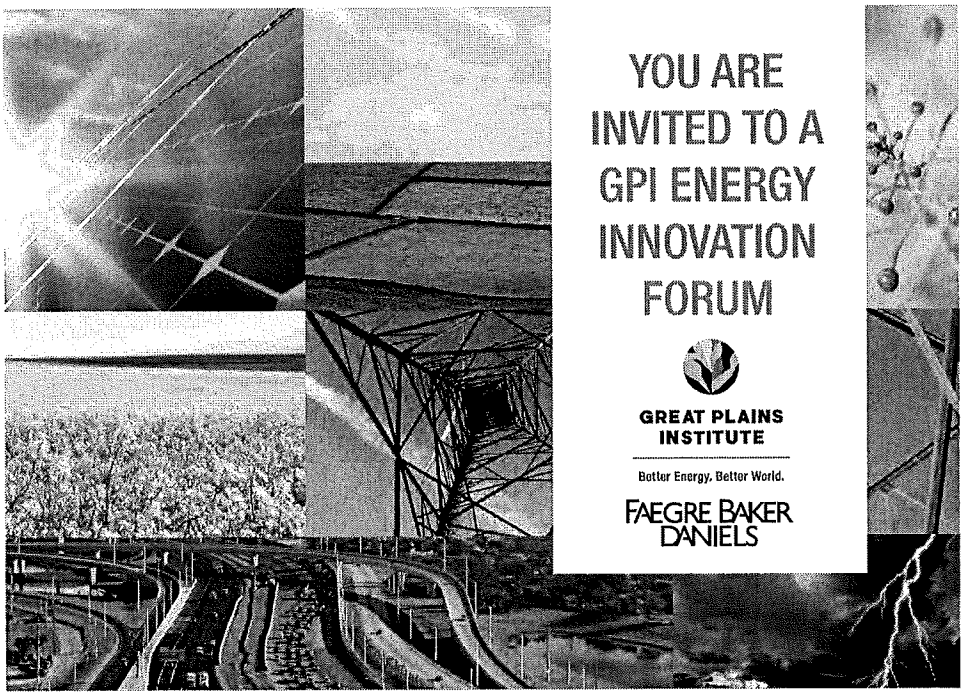

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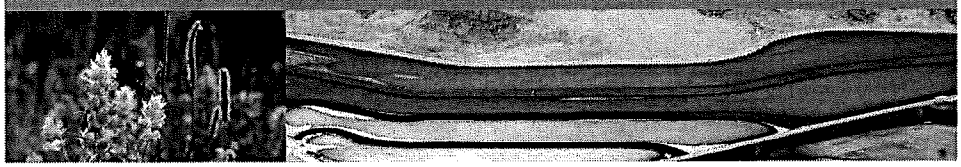

Heather Branigin

From: Todd Fronek <tfronek@dbclaw.com>
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 7:50 AM
To: Mary Brindle (Comcast); Kevin Staunton; Edina Mail; Robert Stewart; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: Recommendation for Park Board

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing in support of appointment of John Swon to the Edina Park Board. John and I have known one another for over ten years and I am confident that he would be an asset to the Park Board. John continues to give back to the city, by recently operating the July 4th parade, creating and implementing the Edina Film Festival and formerly serving on the Art Center Board.

As a former Park Board member and chair, I can appreciate the responsibility of serving the city. While further understanding John's background and commitment to service, I have no doubt that John is well prepared to serve in this capacity.

If you have any questions for me regarding John's candidacy, please do not hesitate to contact me. Your consideration of this recommendation is greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards,
Todd

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Heather Branigin

From: Kirsten Lance <kirsten@freedomtomarry.org>
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 1:05 PM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: Deb Mangen
Subject: Supreme Court Amicus Brief for Mayors

Dear Mayor,

As the Co-Chairs of **Mayors for the Freedom to Marry,** we are writing to urge your support for an important *amicus* brief concerning the freedom to marry. The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to consider the freedom to marry this term. We are hopeful that the Court will affirm the freedom to marry nationwide and bring our country to the national resolution we mayors have advocated.

A friend-of-the-court brief to be submitted to the Supreme Court is being drafted by the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office and should be available to you by February 20. Joining this brief will be **Mayors for the Freedom to Marry**, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and individual mayors and cities. Our brief will explain to the Court the harm to families and communities resulting from marriage discrimination including:
-Harm to our citizens' health and welfare;
-Impact on the efficiency and effectiveness of our local governments as employers; and
-Costs to businesses, including a loss of tourism revenue.

Given the Supreme Court's short deadline, we wanted to let you know immediately about the brief to give you time to consider signing on. You can sign on as the mayor and/or as your town/city. If you are interested in being part of the friend of the court brief (subject to your final review of the draft once prepared), please fill out the form at www.freedomtomarry.org/MayorsBrief.

We hope you will agree to participate in this important brief to amplify the voices of mayors across the country. There is no financial impact or staff commitment associated with signing on. Please let us know now if we can provisionally count you in; you will of course have a chance to review the final brief before officially joining it.

The drop-dead deadline for signing onto this *amicus* brief is **Monday, March 2, 2015**. The brief must be filed at the Supreme Court on March 6.

If you have any questions, please contact Jo Deutsch at Freedom to Marry at 202-223-8223. Thank you for this consideration and for your continued support for the freedom to marry.

Sincerely,

Kevin Faulconer	Eric Garcetti	Michael Nutter
Mayor of San Diego	Mayor of Los Angeles	Mayor of Philadelphia

Annise Parker	Kasim Reed	Greg Stanton
Mayor of Houston	Mayor of Atlanta	Mayor of Phoenix

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Kirsten Lance
Federal Program Associate

Freedom to Marry

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Heather Branigin

From: Jordan Nesvig <jnesvig@athomeapartments.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 8:19 PM
To: James Hovland
Subject: 40th and France Ave Site

Hello Mayor Hovland,

I hope this note finds you off to a very happy and healthy new year. I'm aware you are currently in negotiations with the city of Minneapolis regarding a potential purchase of the site at 40th and France Ave, and we would like to help with that. I'd like to set a meeting with you to discuss ways in which the city of Edina and our company might work together in a mutually beneficial arrangement in order to make the purchase of that site a reality. Working together as partners we may very likely be able to strengthen your offer to purchase.

We are a locally owned developer and manager of quality multifamily housing, with a portfolio nearing 5,000 units and a tremendous reputation as a company that is extremely easy to work with, as well as one who takes great care of their buildings and their residents. We are experienced in affordable-housing and see this site as one that could lend itself quite well to a new apartment community with an affordable-housing component, while also retaining plenty of valuable open space for the neighborhood to enjoy.

Prior to your submission of a counter offer to Minneapolis, I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to stop by your office and visit with you about ways in which we may work together to make all parties happy. Is there a time this week or next that would work for us to come and visit with you at your office? Thank you for your time Mayor Hovland, and I very much look forward to hearing from you.

Jordan

JORDAN NESVIG
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Heather Branigin

From: rick.king@thomsonreuters.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 1:32 PM
To: Rick.King@mspmac.org
Subject: News from Rick King, your District B Metropolitan Airports Commissioner (MAC)

METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION
Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport
6040 - 28th Avenue South • Minneapolis, MN 55450-2799
Phone (612) 726-8100

February 11, 2015

Subject: News from Rick King, your District B Metropolitan Airports Commissioner (MAC)

Welcome to the Winter 2015 update.

1. We are adding additional automated passport control **kiosks** in the Terminal 1 and Terminal 2 international arrivals area (FIS) to reduce the time it takes to re-enter the US. The Federal Inspection Station also has Global Entry kiosks in both Terminals 1 and 2.

2. A reminder, our committee and commission meetings are available live and by replay. For **live streaming / video replay**, go to www.metroairports.org.

3. We had a very good presentation from the FAA's MSP Tower Manager, Elaine Buckner on Feb 2 about the **Runway Use System (RUS).** You will find the 4 pages in the Dropbox material under "FAA RUS Feb 2 2015.pdf". It is a good look at the RUS and both its advantages and limitations. I think you will find the hourly traffic numbers interesting, too.

4. The Noise Office made two presentations – one to the Edina City Council and the other to the St. Louis Park City Council – covering the results of the placement of **three mobile noise monitors in Edina and St. Louis Park**. The results of the monitoring were consistent with date provided by the permanent noise monitoring devices. Please see the presentation in the Dropbox under "Feb 2015 - Results - edina-slp-monitoring-study-presentation.pdf".

5. Nothing new to report locally on **RNAV departures** at this date. Meanwhile, as planned and approved, the FAA will implement the STARS (RNAV arrivals) in late March 2015. Several other airports have adopted RNAV approaches and departures. We expect to be able to share their results in the future.

6. **New hangar development** continues on the south side of Flying Cloud airport. This is part of the MAC's multi-year plan to more fully develop the reliever airports.

7. The MAC is working to update the **Long Term Comprehensive Plan** for all reliever airports in 2015. There are several areas where public comment and interaction will be key. Stay tuned for more detail.

8. There is a new system on the website where you can sign up for noise information, the noise newsletter, commission and committee notifications and more. Go to www.metroairports.org for more.

9. **Air Expo 2015** at Flying Cloud Airport is set for July 11-12.

I've continued to add information from the MAC to the Dropbox site for your perusal. To access the site,
click: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/wox25qie6i2ftvs/X27jcKz53E.

As always, if you have any questions about noise, go to the MAC website at www.metroairports.org, the MAC Noise web site at www.macnoise.com or feel free to reach out to me directly.

The Governor has reappointed me to a second four-year term. I am pleased to be able to continue my work and continue chairing the Management & Operations committee of the Commission. I look forward to continuing to serve you and your communities going forward.

If you'd prefer to be removed from the email list, or if you would like to add someone, just let me know.

By phone: 952-960-2902. **By email:** rick.king@mspmac.org.

Thanks,

Rick

Heather Branigin

From: Robert Have <rjhave@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 1:12 PM
To: Scott H. Neal; Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: Airport Noise Article in Sun Current dated February 12, 2015

Dear Mr. Neal, Mayor Hovland, and City Council:

I read with interest the subject article about airport noise not being loud enough for mitigation. I hope the findings will not detract from what I consider to be the more serious issue of the establishment of RNAV limited outbound flight "corridors" being implemented over Twin Cities neighborhoods including Edina.

As a longtime Edina homeowner, I am not asking for costly noise mitigation for my home. Over many years, I have gladly paid for many home improvements including insulation, new windows, and heating/air conditioning systems.

However, I am asking that when (not if), RNAV is implemented that the outbound flights be dispersed across Twin Cities neighborhoods, as they are dispersed today. I am hopeful that the FAA and MSP Airport will not establish limited flight corridors over specific neighborhoods.

I believe that the establishment of limited flight corridors will ruin beautiful neighborhood and severely impact the value of homes.

Thank you for all that you do to make Edina a beautiful place to live.

Sincerely,
Rob Have

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Best Regards,

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February 13, 2015

Please note:

The Correspondence (emails) following the attached letter titled "To members of the Edina City Council" dated February 12, 2015, are all in response to the letter and contain the subject line "Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children".

Thank you!
Heather Branigin
City of Edina

February 12, 2015

To Members of the Edina City Council,

Introduction

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An Inconsistent Policy Based On A Flawed Premise

For several years now the narrative from the District administration and board members has been that a priority preference based on residence within the City of Edina "was not permissible within the [state] statutes." This assertion is based on a letter that the District's counsel received from Elia Bruggeman, Assistant Commissioner at the Minnesota Department of Education ("MDE"), on August 31, 2011. It is important to note that Mrs. Bruggeman writes that "while MDE is happy to explain the agency's interpretation of the Minnesota open enrollment program...***the agency cannot provide specific recommendations to Edina school district about how to respond to the proposal or structure its open enrollment policies*** (emphasis added)."

- If the MDE cannot specify how a district structures its open enrollment policies, it follows that the Edina School District is able to structure its open enrollment policies.

- It is also important to note that Mrs. Bruggeman is not an attorney and the document referenced does not constitute a legal opinion.

For the reasons listed below, the interpretation provided by Mrs. Bruggeman is flawed and inconsistent with the current Nonresident Enrollment policy initially adopted by the Edina school board on May 19, 2008.

In reaching her conclusion that a priority preference based on residence within a city is not permissible within the state statutes, Mrs. Bruggeman asserts that "school districts do not have the flexibility to insert individualized application review processes in addition to those already established by law" and that only those factors specifically listed on the open enrollment application can be considered.

- This interpretation is completely contradictory to the District's Nonresident Enrollment Placement policy in which "students of district employees, who are residents of other districts, will be given priority."
- There is no language in the state statutes that explicitly states that it is permissible for a district to give preference to children of district employees or that the parent's employer is one of the specific factors that can be considered. Moreover, there is no place on the standard open enrollment application form for a parent to provide their employment information.
- Either the District's Nonresident Enrollment policy has contained elements which are "impermissible" according to state statutes since it was adopted in May 2008 or Mrs. Bruggeman's interpretation is flawed.
- It is interesting to note that the minutes of the May 19, 2008, school board meeting indicate that the District "has been in contact with the Minnesota Department of Education and *is* acting appropriately." This supports the conclusion that districts do indeed have the latitude to structure their own open enrollment policies and that the statues are not as restrictive as Mrs. Bruggeman suggests.

A Change Is Possible

Further evidence of the inherent flaws in the interpretation cited by District leaders for not amending the Nonresident Enrollment policy can be found in Mrs. Bruggeman's assertion that "a priority preference system for responding to open enrollment applications is not permissible" according to state statutes.

- If this were an accurate interpretation, then how is it that the Edina school board adopted a policy in May 2008 that contained eight (8) priority strata for the placement of nonresident students with the MDE's blessing? More significantly, during the 2014 legislative session, the statute governing open enrollment was amended to include the language: "Siblings of currently enrolled students and applicants related to an approved integration and achievement plan must receive priority in the lottery."
- In Mrs. Bruggeman's analysis, consideration of the "characteristics of the applicant student" is impermissible. This amended language, specifically the "sibling preference" clearly indicates that her analysis is, in fact, incorrect. Again, it is useful to note that the policy adopted by the Edina school board in May 2008 provided for a sibling preference ("impermissible", according to Mrs. Bruggeman) years before such language was explicitly incorporated into the state statute.

- **If priority can be given to children of District employees who are residents of other districts, then priority can also be given to children who are residents of the City of Edina.**

Contrary to the flawed interpretation that underpins the narrative of District leadership, incorporating a priority for ALL residents of the City of Edina into the district's Nonresident Enrollment policy is not inconsistent with the state statutes **or the District's current policies**. The Edina school board does indeed have the latitude to structure their policy in such a way to provide enhanced access to all residents of the City of Edina who live outside the school district boundaries.

Classroom Capacity Is Not A Constraint

Because successfully open enrolling a student into any school district is dependent upon space being available, we will turn our attention to **capacity within the Edina School District** before concluding.

- For the current school year, there are 1,332 open enrolled students which constitute approximately 16% of the total enrollment of 8,442 students in the Edina School District. According to District projections, this percentage is expected to stay relatively unchanged (or slightly higher) during the next five school years.
- The number of students enrolled in the Edina School District via the (former) Choice Is Yours Program has averaged 170 over the past seven years.
- Data collected in the most recent census (2010) indicates that there are approximately 700 school-age children living in sectors of the City of Edina which are part of the Hopkins, Richfield, and Eden Prairie school districts. If every one of these children were open enrolled into the Edina School District via a city residency priority and the population of the "Achievement and Integration School Choice Program" remained stable, there would still be over 450 open enrollment slots available to fulfill employee requests and to provide access to students who live in other cities.
- **The data clearly demonstrates there is sufficient capacity within the Edina School District to amend the policy to provide priority for children of the City of Edina.**

The "Precedent" Argument Lacks Any Basis Of Fact

One final point on this subject: an analysis of statewide enrollment data indicates that if a similar city resident priority was enacted in all the other districts around the state which share similar characteristics to those found here within the City of Edina, then the projected net shift of school-age students would equate to 0.5% of the total school population in Minnesota (including charters).

The arguments put forth that a city resident priority would set a "precedent" that would unleash a "domino effect" that would "decimate" school districts elsewhere around the state are completely without merit and lack any substantiation.

Conclusion

To reiterate, we are sharing all this information with you for two primary reasons. The first is to demonstrate to you that the assertion of District leaders that they are powerless to make the requested change to their policy is based on a flawed interpretation that is inconsistent with the District's own actions and policies. The second is to request that each of you, as a city leader

elected to serve all Edina residents, strongly encourage the leadership of the Edina School District to make the necessary changes to their Nonresident Enrollment policy. The next scheduled meeting of the Edina school board is Monday, February 23.

Should the Edina school board fail to take the necessary steps to modify their Nonresident Enrollment policy, then City officials should reassess the relationship between the City and the District. In a multitude of ways, ranging from marketing and communications to co-hosting events such as "State of the Community" and real estate forums to providing direct and indirect financial support to issuing bonds in support of District infrastructure projects, the City of Edina has entered into what is essentially an "exclusive relationship" with the Edina School District. If the District leadership is unwilling to reciprocate, then such a relationship is inaccurate, inappropriate and is a disservice to those Edina families who live outside school district boundaries.

It is never the wrong time to make the right decision.

Sincerely,

Pam Allen
6500 Willow Wood Road

Todd Gustin
5017 Park Terrace

Alan Koehler
5304 Evanswood Lane

Tim Kuck
6316 Westwood Court

Andy Mitchell
6624 Londonderry Drive

Paul Mooty
5320 Kelsey Terrace

Kurt Nisi
5201 Blake Road

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From: Gustin, Todd V <todd.gustin@optum360.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 12:09 PM
To: Edina 273; Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson
Cc: gust0400@comcast.net
Subject: RE: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

Dear Council Members,
I respectfully ask that you dedicate the appropriate time to reviewing this request that is being made by over 500 families in Edina on behalf of the entire community. I ask that you actively support this measure. It is a very important initiative to your community and one that aligns to the policy that the district and community can and should embrace together.

Respectfully,
Todd and Anne Gustin
5017 Park Terrace
Edina, MN 55436

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Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 12:01 PM
To: Edina Minnesota; kstaunton@EdinaMN.gov; rstewart@EdinaMN.gov; mbrindle@comcast.net; ann swenson; Edina 273
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Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 12:11 PM
To: 'Edina 273'; Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); 'ann swenson'
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From:	Eric Meittunen <eric.meittunen@gmail.com>
Sent:	Thursday, February 12, 2015 12:24 PM
To:	Kevin Staunton; Edina Mail; Mary Brindle (Comcast); Robert Stewart; ann swenson
Cc:	Edina 273
Subject:	Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

Good Afternoon:

Please support the effort as noted in this email.

Thank you and regards,

Eric Meittunen
5012 Kelsey Terrace
Edina, MN 55436

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To: Edina 273
Cc: Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson
Subject: Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

Please support this effort.
We are residents of the City of Edina living on a dead end street one house away from the Edina school district boundary. The dead end part of our street in in the Hopkins school district. Our children were able to attend Edina Public Schools through open enrollment and were part of a neighborhood school. Please support this effort to modify the Open Enrollment Policy to give priority designation to residents of the City of Edina.
Thank you,
Lori Dolan

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From: Edina 273 <edina273@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 12:44 PM
To: Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson
Cc: Betty Ann Wien
Subject: Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

Hello - I am writing to encourage you to support the effort to give all Edina residents priority when enrolling their children in Edina schools. I have been an Edina resident for over 40 years. Thirty of them as a resident in the part of Edina which is technically in the Hopkins school district. I have one child, a son, who participated in Edina park board activities, played in the Edina parks and made friends with Edina kids yet could not go to school with these friends. We identified with Edina, its schools, its city events and policies, etc. We do not feel connected to Hopkins in any way. Truthfully, I do not understand the powers that be not wanting to include all of Edina when discussing priority enrollment in the Edina Schools. When asked, we reply we live in Edina and think it is a great place to live, however we cannot send our children to its schools. We think this policy should be changed. Thank you. Sincerely, Cornie and Betty Ann Wiens, 4929 Green Farms Circle, Edina, MN 55436

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From: KaiMay Terry <kmyuenterry@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 12:46 PM
To: Edina 273
Cc: Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson
Subject: Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

Dear ALL,
The well documented and argued letter speaks for your effort and determination to "RIGHT a WRONG" in this democratic country of ours - No taxation without representation. It is citizenry action at its best. I want to thank Alan in particular as he who took the lead to herd us into a unified group for action.
Please provide names and phone numbers of city council members so we can make calls or leave messages....etc. Lastly not clear if we should attend the school board meeting or a city concil meeting? I still recall a few years ago I attended an Edina city council meeting to protest a steep increase for our property tax, comparing tax $ per square footage between our home and our neighbors to show the unfair discrepancy. Guess what we won.
Equal treatment and application of a ruling is what we are asking for here. Any politiicans should understand this principle!!!

P.S. 5109 Ridge Road 55436 is still listed as primary property even on the market for over one year and we moved out a couple of years ago. According to Hennepin county assessor, does not matter which home is listed as parimary as there is NO tax advantage if home is over $400K.

Kaimay Y Terry
"Contentment comes from knowing when enough is enough"
an ancient Chinese proverb

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From:	Timothy Dolan <td1562@gmail.com>
Sent:	Thursday, February 12, 2015 12:46 PM
To:	Edina 273
Cc:	Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson; Scott Fischmann; Roloff, Becky
Subject:	Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

I concur with the memo below and add that the vast majority of families in the Northwest corner of Edina already had or have our children attending Edina Schools. Changing this policy to give priority would not change enrollment numbers at Edina schools. It would give young families peace of mind about having to enter an open enrollment process.

Children should be allowed to go to school with their neighbors, friends and teammates from their park leagues on up. School district boundaries should be hard lines like city boundaries. These lines were drawn when our area belonged to a few farms. Ideally, they should be adjusted - but simple consideration of the city we live in would go a long way.

Thank you.

Tim and Lori Dolan
5309 Highwood Drive West
Edina, MN 55436

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From:	elyse.cohen@comcast.net
Sent:	Thursday, February 12, 2015 1:06 PM
To:	Edina 273; Edina Mail; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson; Robert Stewart; Kevin Staunton
Subject:	Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

I strongly encourage you to support this effort on behalf of all Edina families.

Thank you for your assistance,

Elyse Cohen
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Edina, MN 55436
952-938-1188
elyse.cohen@comcast.net

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From:	paul@jamesdesignco.com
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Cc:	Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson; Edina 273
Subject:	Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

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Paul James

5308 Evanswood Lane

Edina, MN 55436

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From: Charlie White <charlie@bluemoonpackaging.com>
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To: Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); swensonann1 @gmail.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
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Please support this idea – it is the right thing to do for you to fight for all Edina school aged children to be able to attend Edina schools. And it's an easier solution than trying to redraw outdated school district boundaries that cost Edina schools hundreds of thousands of dollars a year in lost revenue to Hopkins. And from a practical standpoint, Edina 273 would cease to be a pain in your side because this issue is not going to go away. Giving preference to Edina kids is a no-brainer. And from a legal standpoint, if I had school aged kids right now, I'd be upset that school employees' children were given preference over my kids.

Charlie White
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From: Kirsten Frederick <kirstenfrederick@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 1:16 PM
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Please support this effort.

Kirsten and Brent Frederick
5108 Blake Road
Edina

Date: Thu, 12 Feb 2015 12:00:49 -0600
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To: Edina 273
Cc: Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson
Subject: Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

Please support school priority for children in our neighborhood. Jerry and Monica Nilles

Sent from my iPad

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Jay Halvorson
jaykhalvorson@gmail.com
952-769-7154

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City Council members,

Please support Edina 273. We feel it is in the best interest of Edina, and only fair to all of us who live in Edina, and wish to attend Edina schools and be part of our Edina community.

Jim Rossman

Jim Rossman
6648 Parkwood Road
Edina

From: Edina 273 [mailto:edina273@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 12:01 PM
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Subject: RE: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

Edina City Council,

Please support us in "273" who live in Edina, but are unfairly not considered part of the school district.

Thank you!

Susan Rossman
Parkwood Road
Edina

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Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 12:01 PM
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From: Schweitzer, Robert T <robert.schweitzer@optum.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 1:25 PM
To: Edina 273; Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson
Subject: RE: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

I fully support this effort and hope the Edina City Council will as well.

Best Regards,
Robert Schweitzer

305 Grove Place

From: Edina 273 [mailto:edina273@gmail.com]
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To: Edina 273
Cc: Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson
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Hello Edina City Council,
My name is Joseph Schwarz and I have read and support the contents in this email.
Thanks

Joe Schwarz

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Please support this effort! Catherine Reeves and Steven Utne

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From: gary jing <gary_jing@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 1:53 PM
To: Edina 273; Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson
Subject: RE: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

Dear Council members,

I strongly recommend you to support the effort. A stronger sense of the community should make Edina a more favorable place to live. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Gary Jing
5215 Malibu Dr.

Date: Thu, 12 Feb 2015 12:00:49 -0600
Subject: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children
From: edina273@gmail.com
To: mail@edinamn.gov; kstaunton@EdinaMN.gov; rstewart@EdinaMN.gov; mbrindle@comcast.net; swensonann1@gmail.com; edina273@gmail.com

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From:	Karen Krinsky Leon <kkrinskyleon@earthlink.net>
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To:	Edina 273
Cc:	Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson
Subject:	Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children
Attachments:	Edina_City_Council_021215.pdf; ATT00001.htm

To the Members of the Edina City Council,

I strongly urge the Edina City Council to encourage the Edina School Board to establish enrollment priority for "Nonresident" students.

Over 20 years ago, we were willing to purchase our home in Edina—within the Hopkins School District boundaries—because we could open enroll our children into the Edina School District. We were told over a number of years by District personnel and real estate agents that Edina residents were given preference. Our children attended Edina schools from grades K-12.

Edina strongly emphasizes its commitment to community, "for living and learning together;" if the School District refuses to give priority to Edina residents, that implies the City's watchword should be modified with "...only if you live within the official borders of the Edina School District." Our tax dollars support the City, the City supports the School District in many ways, so we're supporting the District, as well. And the District—and City Council--should be supporting all the residents of Edina by giving them priority. Open-enrolled parents and children are just as dedicated to the District as "official" parents and children; they volunteer, they excel, they give money to fundraisers that directly benefit the Edina School District. I would think the City Council and School District would do whatever they could to encourage community families to enroll in Edina schools.

I do not understand the reluctance of the School Board to recognize the benefits of having "all Edina resident students under the same tent" and establish priority. There does not appear to be legal basis for not instituting priority, and if concerned about precedent, there was precedent at the time of my children's enrollment. Please influence the Edina School District to establish enrollment priority for Nonresident students.

Respectfully,

Karen Leon

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Subject: Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

I would like to comment on this effort and show my support. I have two daughters who have gone through the Edina public school system. I live, shop, and go to church in Edina. I have been very involved in the schools and have served as PTO president, been on various committees, and also served as a board member to the Edina Education Fund. I can personally tell you that many of the people I have had the privilege to work with also reside in the part of Edina that is not in school district 273. We are wanted and needed in filling these roles in our schools and community, but when it comes to being given priority when enrolling, we might as well live outside the Edina city boundary. I urge you to support this effort for the good of our families and the community.

Thank you,
Lisa White

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Please support our effort to correct this error. Working together is what Edina does best..this is important to our community & to all of the students in our community. We ask for your consideration & help.

Thank you,

Thomas & Jasmine Hoedeman
5017 Kelsey Terrace

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Subject: Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

Please give serious consideration to this issue. All residents of Edina should have the right to send their children to Edina schools without relying on open enrollment. After all, Edina's excellent school district is one of the important reasons (and one most often touted by realtors and the media) we choose to live in Edina.

Patricia Hasselstrom
6621 Londonderry Drive

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From: Edina 273 <edina273@gmail.com>
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From: Amanda Waterman <amandag@cronincoinc.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 2:47 PM
To: Edina 273; Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson
Subject: RE: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

Please support our open enrollment efforts for children living in Edina, but not in the Edina School District.

Sincerely,

Nick & Amanda Waterman
6632 Londonderry Drive
Edina MN 55436

Amanda Waterman (Glazer)
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From: Michaletz, Russ (US - Retired) <rmichaletz@deloitteretired.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 2:50 PM
To: Edina 273; Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson
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Edina City Council Members

I would like to add my encouragement to you to help your constituents in northwest Edina access the Edina Public Schools in a more direct and sure manner. I have been frustrated with the pace set by our leaders with resolving an historical inequity created by the Edina school district boundaries.

I feel that, having personally sustained an increase of property taxes of 28% from 2013 to 2014, our leadership's inattention to one of the most important issues to our neighborhood is most unfair. This is particularly stinging as I believe abundant evidence, rationale, and solutions to support change have been presented in a very articulate and professional manner, without much acknowledgment by our leaders.

All four of our children were lucky enough to attend the Edina schools. This was accomplished because of the exception to the rule (open enrollment) rather than by right of being a property owner. Jan and I became very involved in the schools and very supportive to the Edina student community through our service. Without that Edina school connection, our connection with the City of Edina would be non-existent. You can't achieve the full value of living in Edina without that school connection. Likewise, you will never become fully engaged and bring value to Edina as a community if your children are educated elsewhere.

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From: Beth Sjoblad <bsjoblad@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 3:11 PM
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I would like to add my voice to the comments below. They reflect what I feel is my right as an Edina resident — first in line for open enrollment. It is what leads me to vote for certain candidates and to be a vocal advocate for the wonderful city in which I reside. Yes, I reside in EDINA. Not Hopkins. Those school district lines were drawn arbitrarily many years ago and are due to be reexamined. No one has the courage to do so — in lieu of that option, please consider putting those of us that use Edina services, pay for Edina public works an option to attend Edina schools.

Thank you.

Beth Sjoblad

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Subject: Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

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Sincerely,

Mary Jo Sanderson
6519 Interlachen Blvd
Edina, MN 55436

From: Edina 273 <edina273@gmail.com>
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Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 3:45 PM
To: Edina Mail; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson; Kevin Staunton
Cc: Edina 273; nina@badzin.com
Subject: Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

We support this request.
Sincerely,
Bryan and Nina Badzin
6656 Parkwood Road
Edina

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Subject: RE: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

Folks

My household is one of the many affected by this annoying and inequitable, legacy issue (home address: 5205 Kelsey Terrace).....simply stated, there is no coherent justification for the position taken by Edina's school board.....an amendment to the Nonresident Enrollment policy that favors all Edina kids/residents seems long overdue.....clearly, the school board has made such amendments and given priority to other stakeholders in the past.....to reiterate and summarize from the many valid points below, I highlight the following: "**If priority can be given to children of District employees who are residents of other districts, then priority can also be given to children who are residents of the City of Edina**."

Frankly, it is somewhat mystifying how this relatively straight forward amendment has not already been incorporated and put to bed by the Edina school board.....in your capacity as city council members, please consider and ultimately represent the interests of all Edina residents as you consider this issue.....thx.

Joe M. Deignan
Wayzata Investment Partners LLC

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From: Miriam Olson <miriamart@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 4:03 PM
To: edina273@gmail.com; Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

Please support this important effort.

Miriam Olson
5224 Evanswood Lane
Edina, MN

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From:	James Larson <jlarson53@comcast.net>
Sent:	Thursday, February 12, 2015 5:01 PM
To:	Edina 273
Cc:	Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson
Subject:	Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

WE ARE WRITING TO YOU REQUESTING THAT YOU SUPPORT THE MEASURE TO AMEND THE DISTRICT POLICY 510 WHICH GOVERNS NONRESIDENT ENROLLMENT IN THE DISTRICT. PLEASE VOTE TO SUPPORT AN AMENDMENT THAT WOULD MODIFY THE CURRENT NONRESIDENT ENROLLMENT POLICY TO ALLOW ACCESS OF **ALL EDINA CHILDREN ACESS TO THE SCHOOLS OPERATED TO THE SCHOOLS OPERATED BY THE EDINA SCHOOL DISTICT. WE ASK YOU TO SUPPORT A PRIORITY DESIGNATION IN THE DISTRICT'S NONRESIDENT ENROLLMENT POLICY FOR ALL CHILDREN THAT LIVE IN EDINA.**

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING THIS MEASURE.

SINCERELY,

JIM AND LORRIE LARSON

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To: Edina 273
Cc: Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson
Subject: Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

Please support this very reasonable effort to allow children who live in the city of Edina to go to Edina Schools. Its just the right thing to do.
Colette and Tim Diegel 6024 Pine Grove Road, Edina MN 55436
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Please support this effort. Sue-Ann and Gary Garvis

From: "Edina 273" <edina273@gmail.com>
To: "Edina Minnesota" <mail@edinamn.gov>, kstaunton@EdinaMN.gov, rstewart@EdinaMN.gov, mbrindle@comcast.net, "ann swenson" <swensonann1@gmail.com>, "Edina 273" <edina273@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 11:00:49 AM
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Subject: Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

Dear Edina Council,
Please support this effort to change the Edina School policy to give priority to all students who live in Edina as part of the nonresident enrollment policy.
As a resident of Edina I feel an allegiance to the schools and people who are the fabric of our City. It is only natural that our children feel the same.
Thank you for your consideration.
Tim Montgomery

Sent from my iPhone

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We would like to add our support to the request for Edina resident priority in the open-enrollment process. We are outside the district, but our friends within the district also are strong supporters of this issue, and have become impatient with the lack of progress pertaining to it.

Thank you,
Minge family (Amy, Olaf, Christopher & Annika)

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From: Karen <karengallivan@comcast.net>
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An Inconsistent Policy Based On A Flawed Premise

For several years now the narrative from the District administration and board members has been that a priority preference based on residence within the City of Edina "was not permissible within the [state] statutes." This assertion is based on a letter that the District's counsel received from Elia Bruggeman, Assistant Commissioner at the Minnesota Department of Education ("MDE"), on August 31, 2011. It is important to note that Mrs. Bruggeman writes that "while MDE is happy to explain the agency's interpretation of the Minnesota open enrollment program...***the agency cannot provide specific recommendations to Edina school district about how to respond to the proposal or structure its open enrollment policies*** (emphasis added)."

- If the MDE cannot specify how a district structures its open enrollment policies, it follows that the Edina School District is able to structure its open enrollment policies.
- It is also important to note that Mrs. Bruggeman is not an attorney and the document referenced does not constitute a legal opinion.

For the reasons listed below, the interpretation provided by Mrs. Bruggeman is flawed and inconsistent with the current Nonresident Enrollment policy initially adopted by the Edina school board on May 19, 2008.

In reaching her conclusion that a priority preference based on residence within a city is not permissible within the state statutes, Mrs. Bruggeman asserts that "school districts do not have the flexibility to insert individualized application review processes in addition to those already established by law" and that only those factors specifically listed on the open enrollment application can be considered.

This interpretation is completely contradictory to the District's Nonresident Enrollment Placement policy in which "students of district employees, who are residents of other districts, will be given priority."

- There is no language in the state statutes that explicitly states that it is permissible for a district to give preference to children of district employees or that the parent's employer is one of the specific factors that can be considered. Moreover, there is no place on the standard open enrollment application form for a parent to provide their employment information.

- Either the District's Nonresident Enrollment policy has contained elements which are "impermissible" according to state statutes since it was adopted in May 2008 or Mrs. Bruggeman's interpretation is flawed.

It is interesting to note that the minutes of the May 19, 2008, school board meeting indicate that the District "has been in contact with the Minnesota Department of Education and *is* acting appropriately." This supports the conclusion that districts do indeed have the latitude to structure their own open enrollment policies and that the statues are not as restrictive as Mrs. Bruggeman suggests.

A Change Is Possible

Further evidence of the inherent flaws in the interpretation cited by District leaders for not amending the Nonresident Enrollment policy can be found in Mrs. Bruggeman's assertion that "a priority preference system for responding to open enrollment applications is not permissible" according to state statutes.

- If this were an accurate interpretation, then how is it that the Edina school board adopted a policy in May 2008 that contained eight (8) priority strata for the placement of nonresident students with the MDE's blessing? More significantly, during the 2014 legislative session, the statute governing open enrollment was amended to include the language: "Siblings of currently enrolled students and applicants related to an approved integration and achievement plan must receive priority in the lottery."

- In Mrs. Bruggeman's analysis, consideration of the "characteristics of the applicant student" is impermissible. This amended language, specifically the "sibling preference" clearly indicates that her analysis is, in fact, incorrect. Again, it is useful to note that the policy adopted by the Edina school board in May 2008 provided for a sibling preference ("impermissible", according to Mrs. Bruggeman) years before such language was explicitly incorporated into the state statute.

- **If priority can be given to children of District employees who are residents of other districts, then priority can also be given to children who are residents of the City of Edina.**

Contrary to the flawed interpretation that underpins the narrative of District leadership, incorporating a priority for ALL residents of the City of Edina into the district's Nonresident Enrollment policy is not inconsistent with the state statutes **or the District's current policies**. The Edina school board does indeed have the latitude to structure their policy in such a way to provide enhanced access to all residents of the City of Edina who live outside the school district boundaries.

Classroom Capacity Is Not A Constraint

Because successfully open enrolling a student into any school district is dependent upon space being available, we will turn our attention to **capacity within the Edina School District** before concluding.

- For the current school year, there are 1,332 open enrolled students which constitute approximately 16% of the total enrollment of 8,442 students in the Edina School District. According to District projections, this percentage is expected to stay relatively unchanged (or slightly higher) during the next five school years.

- The number of students enrolled in the Edina School District via the (former) Choice Is Yours Program has averaged 170 over the past seven years.

- Data collected in the most recent census (2010) indicates that there are approximately 700 school-age children living in sectors of the City of Edina which are part of the Hopkins, Richfield, and Eden Prairie school districts. If every one of these children were open enrolled into the Edina School District via a city residency priority and the population of the "Achievement and Integration School Choice Program" remained stable, there would still be over 450 open enrollment slots available to fulfill employee requests and to provide access to students who live in other cities.

- **The data clearly demonstrates there is sufficient capacity within the Edina School District to amend the policy to provide priority for children of the City of Edina.**

The "Precedent" Argument Lacks Any Basis Of Fact

One final point on this subject: an analysis of statewide enrollment data indicates that if a similar city resident priority was enacted in all the other districts around the state which share similar characteristics to those found here within the City of Edina, then the projected net shift of school-age students would equate to 0.5% of the total school population in Minnesota (including charters).

The arguments put forth that a city resident priority would set a "precedent" that would unleash a "domino effect" that would "decimate" school districts elsewhere around the state are completely without merit and lack any substantiation.

Conclusion

To reiterate, we are sharing all this information with you for two primary reasons. The first is to demonstrate to you that the assertion of District leaders that they are powerless to make the requested change to their policy is based on a flawed interpretation that is inconsistent with the District's own actions and policies. The second is to request that each of you, as a city leader elected to serve all Edina residents, strongly encourage the leadership of the Edina School District to make the necessary changes to their Nonresident Enrollment policy. The next scheduled meeting of the Edina school board is Monday, February 23.

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It is never the wrong time to make the right decision.

Sincerely,

Karen and Jerry Gallivan

Heather Branigin

From: Clint Odell <ccodell@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 8:41 PM
To: 'Edina 273'; Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); 'ann swenson'
Subject: RE: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

Please support this effort!!

Clint & Carol Odell
5105 Green Farms Road

From: Edina 273 [mailto:edina273@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 12:01 PM
To: Edina Minnesota; kstaunton@EdinaMN.gov; rstewart@EdinaMN.gov; mbrindle@comcast.net; ann swenson; Edina 273
Subject: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

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Sent:	Thursday, February 12, 2015 8:52 PM
To:	Edina 273
Cc:	Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson
Subject:	Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

Edina City Council:

Please support the effort detailed below regarding how the Edina School District prioritizes Open Enrollment non-resident students.

Most of the Edina residents living in the Hopkins School District identify with Edina. In fact, Edina has a strong brand and presence through the entire city. When we sign up our kids for youth sports, we do so in Edina — not Hopkins. We go to Edina parks, not Hopkins. In the past, we've been asked to support referendums that jointly benefit the Edina Parks and the Edina School facilities. The city can't ask for our tax dollars, then the school district reject our kids.

This is a blending of city and school district that SHOULD occur. And that's what we seek: priority to open enroll our kids in the Edina School District. It's just plain common sense to want our kids to go to the schools in Edina, when everything else we've done is in Edina.

As the Edina City Council, you can put a stake in the ground and do the right thing.

Thank you.

-Ann Merrill
5033 Green Farms Road, Edina

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To: Edina 273
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Subject: Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

Please support this effort.
Michelle Kranendonk
5170 Kelsey Terrace

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From: Donna Arnesen <donna_arnesen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 9:27 PM
To: Edina 273
Cc: Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson
Subject: Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

Edina City Council

Please support this effort. Our children live in Edina and should be able to attend Edina schools.

Thank You,
Donna Baldo
On Feb 12, 2015, at 12:00 PM, Edina 273 <edina273@gmail.com> wrote:

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From: James Aagaard <aagaa001@umn.edu>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 11:02 PM
To: Edina 273
Cc: Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson
Subject: Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

Dear City Council,

I have lived in Edina for the last 35 years, the last 17 in the Hopkins school district. I feel the city and the Edina school board has marginalized the residents of this part of Edina and have chosen to this point in time to ignore our request to be a full part of Edina. I am asking you to support the effort to add Edina residency to the Open Enrollment criteria.

Sincerely,

James Aagaard

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From: Rebecca Lieberman <rebeccatlieberman@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2015 5:18 AM
To: Edina 273
Cc: Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson
Subject: Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

Edina City Council, please support our efforts. We "choose" to live in Edina so that our children can attend Edina schools.

Thank you,
Rebecca Lieberman
6309 Westwood Court

On Feb 12, 2015, at 12:00 PM, Edina 273 <edina273@gmail.com> wrote:

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From: Susan J Lee <leesusa@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2015 6:57 AM
To: Edina 273
Cc: Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson
Subject: Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

In the 18 years I have lived in Edina, I have supported Edina schools by attending concerts, plays, events, financially supporting sports and other fundraisers, and taking numerous Community Education classes. Supporting Edina schools has been a natural part of being a responsible citizen of this city. The current open enrollment situation is in direct conflict to my expectations of living in a community where city and schools are united in their efforts to provide its children with a quality and comprehensive school and citizen experience and identity.

Susan J. Lee

On Feb 12, 2015, at 12:00 PM, Edina 273 <edina273@gmail.com> wrote:

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From: Aagaard, Pam <PamAagaard@edinarealty.com>
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2015 7:12 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

To the City Council,
As an Edina Resident for over 35 years, my love for our community is strong! As a resident of Edina in the Hopkins school district for the last 17 years, I feel like a bit of an outsider in my own community. It's an odd feeling. Why wouldn't my own community support the efforts of other Edina residents? I'm asking for something that so basic. The request is simple. Please support the effort to add Edina Residency to the Open Enrollment Criteria.
It's the right thing to do,

Pam Aagaard

Heather Branigin

From: bstangl712@aol.com
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2015 7:41 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: We support Edina Kids

We support Edina kids in the Parkwood Knoll neighborhood!
Jim & Bridget Stangl

Sent from my iPad

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From: Joan Bonello <joanbonello@me.com>
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2015 9:03 AM
To: Edina 273
Cc: Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson
Subject: Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

As a resident of the City of Edina and a former employee of the Edina School District, I would like to state my support for the issues outlined in the letter below.

I fully support priority placement of children of Edina residents in the Edina School District.

Please consider the issues stated below very carefully. How would you feel if your child was denied enrollment to the schools within your community?

The current situation is clearly unacceptable and needs to be addressed.

Sincerely,

Joan M. Bonello
6312 Westwood Court

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From: Louise Waddick <lawaddick@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2015 9:08 AM
To: Edina 273
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Subject: Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

Louann Waddick-I support this effort!

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of Governor Mark Dayton

116 Veterans Service Building ♦ 20 West 12th Street ♦ Saint Paul, MN 55155

January 27, 2015

The Honorable James B. Hovland
Edina City Hall
4801 West 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424

Dear Mayor Hovland:

Thank you for your letter recommending Richard King for appointment to the Metropolitan Airports Commission. I will make sure Governor Dayton receives your recommendation as he makes his decision.

The current vacancy on the Metropolitan Airports Commission needs to be filled on or before June 30, 2015. The Governor will review all of the applications received and make his appointment in a timely manner.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss your recommendation in greater detail, please do not hesitate to contact me at 651-201-3435, or via email at adam.prock@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

Adam Prock
Assistant Chief of Staff
Office of Governor Mark Dayton

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February 11, 2015

City of Edina
4801 W. 50th St.
Edina, MN 55424

Dear Mayor James Hovland,

cc: Bill Sierks

I am writing because your city participated last year in the CDP annual information request. We are requesting that the City participates again in the CDP annual disclosure cycle to share the City's climate, energy and sustainability efforts. The reporting period opens in late February 2015 and closes late April 2015. Like last year, the City has the option to disclose this information publicly or privately.

CDP is an international non-profit and over 200 city governments and 5,000 companies report their data to CDP. Cities disclose to CDP to better manage their climate, energy and sustainability activities, compare their progress to other cities and communicate resiliency efforts to investors and the business community. The CDP information request is endorsed by more than 760 institutional investors representing an excess of US$92 trillion in assets.

In 2014, 48 cities in the U.S. and Canada disclosed through CDP. Participation is completely voluntary and there is no cost. **We invite your city to report again alongside leading U.S. and Canadian cities.**

This year, CDP is recognized as an official reporting platform of the Compact of Mayors, which means that your city has the option to make a commitment to the compact simply by reporting through CDP. The Compact of Mayors, announced by UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Cities and Climate Change Michael Bloomberg in September 2014, will bring together more than 2,000 cities committing to undertake a transparent approach to reduce city-level emissions and vulnerability.

You can access our data, as well as our reports by visiting our website www.cdp.net. To learn more, please contact Katie Walsh, Cities Manager at Katie.Walsh@cdp.net. We have also sent this letter to the individual who provided the city's submission to CDP last year. Their name is included in the cc above.

Yours Sincerely,

Paul Dickinson
Executive Chairman, CDP

Oasis for Youth

February 11, 2015

Edina City Council
City of Edina
4801 West 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424

Dear Edina City Council Members,

Today, Nikki Beasley from Oasis for Youth, will meet with two students at Edina High School who are at risk of becoming homeless. Nikki will assess their immediate needs, making sure they are safe and have adequate and stable housing in the short-term. Then they will work together to create a goal plan to insure stability into the future.

Oasis for Youth staff are able to meet regularly with Edina students at the high school, in part, because of our contract with the City of Edina. We will bring resources to students such as clothing, food, personal hygiene items and bus tokens – and we will be there to help students navigate challenging circumstances.

Thank you for approving $2,500 in 2015 funding for our services to suburban youth experiencing homelessness. The old adage that it takes a village to raise a child is certainly true, and we are honored that the City of Edina has chosen to be a part of the village.

Best regards,

Andrea Knoll
President

For tax purposes, no gifts or services were provided in exchange for this donation.
Oasis for Youth is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization: Tax ID number 45-3683785.

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An Inconsistent Policy Based On A Flawed Premise

For several years now the narrative from the District administration and board members has been that a priority preference based on residence within the City of Edina "was not permissible within the [state] statutes." This assertion is based on a letter that the District's counsel received from Elia Bruggeman, Assistant Commissioner at the Minnesota Department of Education ("MDE"), on August 31, 2011. It is important to note that Mrs. Bruggeman writes that "while MDE is happy to explain the agency's interpretation of the Minnesota open enrollment program...***the agency cannot provide specific recommendations to Edina school district about how to respond to the proposal or structure its open enrollment policies*** (emphasis added)."

- If the MDE cannot specify how a district structures its open enrollment policies, it follows that the Edina School District is able to structure its open enrollment policies.

- It is also important to note that Mrs. Bruggeman is not an attorney and the document referenced does not constitute a legal opinion.

For the reasons listed below, the interpretation provided by Mrs. Bruggeman is flawed and inconsistent with the current Nonresident Enrollment policy initially adopted by the Edina school board on May 19, 2008.

In reaching her conclusion that a priority preference based on residence within a city is not permissible within the state statutes, Mrs. Bruggeman asserts that "school districts do not have the flexibility to insert individualized application review processes in addition to those already established by law" and that only those factors specifically listed on the open enrollment application can be considered.

- This interpretation is completely contradictory to the District's Nonresident Enrollment Placement policy in which "students of district employees, who are residents of other districts, will be given priority."
- There is no language in the state statutes that explicitly states that it is permissible for a district to give preference to children of district employees or that the parent's employer is one of the specific factors that can be considered. Moreover, there is no place on the standard open enrollment application form for a parent to provide their employment information.
- Either the District's Nonresident Enrollment policy has contained elements which are "impermissible" according to state statutes since it was adopted in May 2008 or Mrs. Bruggeman's interpretation is flawed.
- It is interesting to note that the minutes of the May 19, 2008, school board meeting indicate that the District "has been in contact with the Minnesota Department of Education and *is* acting appropriately." This supports the conclusion that districts do indeed have the latitude to structure their own open enrollment policies and that the statues are not as restrictive as Mrs. Bruggeman suggests.

A Change Is Possible

Further evidence of the inherent flaws in the interpretation cited by District leaders for not amending the Nonresident Enrollment policy can be found in Mrs. Bruggeman's assertion that "a priority preference system for responding to open enrollment applications is not permissible" according to state statutes.

- If this were an accurate interpretation, then how is it that the Edina school board adopted a policy in May 2008 that contained eight (8) priority strata for the placement of nonresident students with the MDE's blessing? More significantly, during the 2014 legislative session, the statute governing open enrollment was amended to include the language: "Siblings of currently enrolled students and applicants related to an approved integration and achievement plan must receive priority in the lottery."
- In Mrs. Bruggeman's analysis, consideration of the "characteristics of the applicant student" is impermissible. This amended language, specifically the "sibling preference" clearly indicates that her analysis is, in fact, incorrect. Again, it is useful to note that the policy adopted by the Edina school board in May 2008 provided for a sibling preference ("impermissible", according to Mrs. Bruggeman) years before such language was explicitly incorporated into the state statute.

- **If priority can be given to children of District employees who are residents of other districts, then priority can also be given to children who are residents of the City of Edina.**

Contrary to the flawed interpretation that underpins the narrative of District leadership, incorporating a priority for ALL residents of the City of Edina into the district's Nonresident Enrollment policy is not inconsistent with the state statutes **or the District's current policies**. The Edina school board does indeed have the latitude to structure their policy in such a way to provide enhanced access to all residents of the City of Edina who live outside the school district boundaries.

Classroom Capacity Is Not A Constraint

Because successfully open enrolling a student into any school district is dependent upon space being available, we will turn our attention to **capacity within the Edina School District** before concluding.

- For the current school year, there are 1,332 open enrolled students which constitute approximately 16% of the total enrollment of 8,442 students in the Edina School District. According to District projections, this percentage is expected to stay relatively unchanged (or slightly higher) during the next five school years.
- The number of students enrolled in the Edina School District via the (former) Choice Is Yours Program has averaged 170 over the past seven years.
- Data collected in the most recent census (2010) indicates that there are approximately 700 school-age children living in sectors of the City of Edina which are part of the Hopkins, Richfield, and Eden Prairie school districts. If every one of these children were open enrolled into the Edina School District via a city residency priority and the population of the "Achievement and Integration School Choice Program" remained stable, there would still be over 450 open enrollment slots available to fulfill employee requests and to provide access to students who live in other cities.
- **The data clearly demonstrates there is sufficient capacity within the Edina School District to amend the policy to provide priority for children of the City of Edina.**

The "Precedent" Argument Lacks Any Basis Of Fact

One final point on this subject: an analysis of statewide enrollment data indicates that if a similar city resident priority was enacted in all the other districts around the state which share similar characteristics to those found here within the City of Edina, then the projected net shift of school-age students would equate to 0.5% of the total school population in Minnesota (including charters).

The arguments put forth that a city resident priority would set a "precedent" that would unleash a "domino effect" that would "decimate" school districts elsewhere around the state are completely without merit and lack any substantiation.

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6500 Willow Wood Road

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From: Craig Christensen <craig1949@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2015 9:44 AM
To: Edina 273
Cc: Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson
Subject: Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

To members of Edina City Council:

I urge you to give priority status to children who live in Edina, but are outside school district boundaries.

Craig and Debbie Christensen
6404 Willow Wood Rd.

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From: Eisele, Jon (US - Minneapolis) <jeisele@deloitte.com>
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2015 10:36 AM
To: Edina Mail

Regarding the request for assistance to increase school access for all Edina children, we support ALL Edina kids.

Thank you,

Michele and Jon Eisele

Sent from my iPad

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From: kylemcarpenter@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2015 12:00 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: I Support Edina Kids

As a longtime Edina resident and a product of the Edina schools, I'd like to endorse the idea that kids with an Edina address, though not technically within the Edina School district boundaries, should receive priority on Open Enrollment. Neighborhoods are important and kids should have access to schools in their community before others are given that opportunity. Fix this issue, please.

Kyle Carpenter
4421 W. 52nd St.
Edina, MN 55424

EHS Graduate '71

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From: JamesL.Tucker <JamesL.Tucker@target.com>
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2015 12:45 PM
To: Edina 273; Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson
Subject: RE: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

Dear Members of the Edina City Council:

Thank you for considering our request. My wife grew up in Edina, and as a married couple we've lived in Edina for over a decade. Currently we have a year-old son.

Please change the open enrollment process so that citizens of Edina have priority over citizens of other cities. Shouldn't my son, an Edina citizen, have priority over all children who reside in Eden Prairie, Minnetonka, Minneapolis, etc.? We'd like him to attend school with his neighbors and friends and become more fully integrated into our community.

Respectfully,

James Tucker

5116 Green Farms Road
Edina, MN 55436

From: Edina 273 [mailto:edina273@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 12:01 PM
To: Edina Minnesota; kstaunton@EdinaMN.gov; rstewart@EdinaMN.gov; mbrindle@comcast.net; ann swenson; Edina 273
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Subject: Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

As Edina residents who live in the Hopkins School District, we strongly support this. As Edina residents, we work in Edina, shop in Edina, and play in Edina. It only makes sense that our children would also attend school in Edina. Thank you for your consideration.

Steve & Erin Lysen
6543 Bissen Circle

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Sent: Saturday, February 14, 2015 3:14 PM
To: edina273@gmail.com; Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

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To: Edina Minnesota <mail@edinamn.gov>; kstaunton <kstaunton@EdinaMN.gov>; rstewart <rstewart@EdinaMN.gov>; mbrindle <mbrindle@comcast.net>; ann swenson <swensonann1@gmail.com>; Edina 273 <edina273@gmail.com>
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From: Anne Hoedeman <akhoedeman@gmail.com>
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To: Edina Mail
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For several years now the narrative from the District administration and board members has been that a priority preference based on residence within the City of Edina "was not permissible within the [state] statutes." This assertion is based on a letter that the District's counsel received from Elia Bruggeman, Assistant Commissioner at the Minnesota Department of Education ("MDE"), on August 31, 2011. It is important to note that Mrs. Bruggeman writes that "while MDE is happy to explain the agency's interpretation of the Minnesota open enrollment program...***the agency cannot provide specific recommendations to Edina school district about how to respond to the proposal or structure its open enrollment policies*** (emphasis added)."

- If the MDE cannot specify how a district structures its open enrollment policies, it follows that the Edina School District is able to structure its open enrollment policies.

- It is also important to note that Mrs. Bruggeman is not an attorney and the document referenced does not constitute a legal opinion.

For the reasons listed below, the interpretation provided by Mrs. Bruggeman is flawed and inconsistent with the current Nonresident Enrollment policy initially adopted by the Edina school board on May 19, 2008.

In reaching her conclusion that a priority preference based on residence within a city is not permissible within the state statutes, Mrs. Bruggeman asserts that "school districts do not have the flexibility to insert individualized application review processesin addition to those already established by law" and that only those factors specifically listed on the open enrollment application can be considered.

This interpretation is completely contradictory to the District's Nonresident Enrollment Placement policy in which "students of district employees, who are residents of other districts, will be given priority."

- There is no language in the state statutes that explicitly states that it is permissible for a district to give preference to children of district employees or that the parent's employer is one of the specific factors that can be considered. Moreover, there is no place on the standard open enrollment application form for a parent to provide their employment information.

- Either the District's Nonresident Enrollment policy has contained elements which are "impermissible" according to state statutes since it was adopted in May 2008 or Mrs. Bruggeman's interpretation is flawed.

It is interesting to note that the minutes of the May 19, 2008, school board meeting indicate that the District "has been in contact with the Minnesota Department of Education and *is* acting appropriately." This supports the conclusion that districts do indeed have the latitude to structure their own open enrollment policies and that the statues are not as restrictive as Mrs. Bruggeman suggests.

A Change Is Possible

Further evidence of the inherent flaws in the interpretation cited by District leaders for not amending the Nonresident Enrollment policy can be found in Mrs. Bruggeman's assertion that "a priority preference system for responding to open enrollment applications is not permissible" according to state statutes.

- If this were an accurate interpretation, then how is it that the Edina school board adopted a policy in May 2008 that contained eight (8) priority strata for the placement of nonresident students with the MDE's blessing? More significantly, during the 2014 legislative session, the statute governing open enrollment was amended to include the language: "Siblings of currently enrolled students and applicants related to an approved integration and achievement plan must receive priority in the lottery."

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- **If priority can be given to children of District employees who are residents of other districts, then priority can also be given to children who are residents of the City of Edina.**

Contrary to the flawed interpretation that underpins the narrative of District leadership, incorporating a priority for ALL residents of the City of Edina into the district's Nonresident Enrollment policy is not inconsistent with the state statutes **or the District's current policies**. The Edina school board does indeed have the latitude to

structure their policy in such a way to provide enhanced access to all residents of the City of Edina who live outside the school district boundaries.

Classroom Capacity Is Not A Constraint

Because successfully open enrolling a student into any school district is dependent upon space being available, we will turn our attention to **capacity within the Edina School District** before concluding.

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- The number of students enrolled in the Edina School District via the (former) Choice Is Yours Program has averaged 170 over the past seven years.

- Data collected in the most recent census (2010) indicates that there are approximately 700 school-age children living in sectors of the City of Edina which are part of the Hopkins, Richfield, and Eden Prairie school districts. If every one of these children were open enrolled into the Edina School District via a city residency priority and the population of the "Achievement and Integration School Choice Program" remained stable, there would still be over 450 open enrollment slots available to fulfill employee requests and to provide access to students who live in other cities.

- **The data clearly demonstrates there is sufficient capacity within the Edina School District to amend the policy to provide priority for children of the City of Edina.**

The "Precedent" Argument Lacks Any Basis Of Fact

One final point on this subject: an analysis of statewide enrollment data indicates that if a similar city resident priority was enacted in all the other districts around the state which share similar characteristics to those found here within the City of Edina, then the projected net shift of school-age students would equate to 0.5% of the total school population in Minnesota (including charters).

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From: Mary Buska <foxmeadow@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 15, 2015 12:02 PM
To: Edina 273
Cc: Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson
Subject: Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

Dear City Council Members,

Please encourage the Edina School Board to provide priority enrollment to the Edina residents that own homes in the Hopkins School District.

We own a home in Edina that resides in the Hopkins School District. We are not currently motivated to make further improvements to our Edina property because of the uncertainty of the school district status for future buyers. We have observed stagnant property values on our street because potential buyers are reluctant to purchase without a clearly defined method to enroll their children into the Edina School System. This lack of motivation to invest in our homes and stagnant property values will ultimately impact future property tax revenue for the city.

Again, please encourage Edina School Board members to provide priority open enrollment to tax paying homeowners in the City of Edina residing in the Hopkins School District.

Thank you,
Mary Buska

Sent from my iPad

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From: Tony Rubin <anthonysrubin@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 15, 2015 3:57 PM
To: Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); swensonann1@gmail.com; edina273@gmail.com
Subject: FW: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children
Attachments: Edina_City_Council_021215.pdf

To Members of the Council,

We feel strongly in support to Increase School Access for All Edina Children.

Alli and Tony Rubin
6517 Parnell Ave
Edina, MN 55435

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To:	Edina 273; Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson
Subject:	Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

To whom it may concern,

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Thank you,

Nick and Amanda Waterman
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Sent: Monday, February 16, 2015 1:30 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Nonresident Enrollment Edina School District - City of Edina Children

Good Afternoon,

As a very long time resident of both the City of Edina and the Edina School District, I wish to communicate my support to include a priority for children who live in the City of Edina into the Nonresident Enrollment policy of the Edina School District. In understand a Edina school board is Monday, February 23 and want you to know this has policy change has broad support.

Sincerely,

Gary Perkins
4600 Hibiscus Ave
Edina

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From: David Hopkins <hopk0027@umn.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 10:51 AM
To: Edina 273; Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson
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My wife and I have lived in Edina for about 21 years. We purchased our first home here back in 1994, relocating from Nashville, TN. One of the main reasons we chose Edina was because of the community aspect. Families who truly care about their kids, neighbors and take great pride in their education system.
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Sincerely, TIM S. RITZER

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