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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Robert Lilligren

1926 Pleasant Ave
Minneapolis, MN 55403
County of Hennepin
Congressional District 5

Because of the special trust and confidence I have in your integrity, judgment, and ability, I have appointed and commissioned you to have and to hold the office of:

DISTRICT 7 REPRESENTATIVE

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

Effective: March 4, 2019
Term Expires: January 2, 2023

This appointment carries with it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, March 4, 2019.



Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Pinn in black ink.

Secretary of State

Replacing: Gary L. Cunningham

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SECRETARY OF STATE STEVE SIMON**

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Application for the position District 7 Rep.

Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Metropolitan Council

Position: District 7 Rep.

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Robert Lilligren

Phone: (612) 385-7751

Mailing Address: 1926 Pleasant Avenue Minneapolis 55403

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County: Hennepin

Felony Conviction: No

Mn House District: 62A

US House District: 5

Recommended by the Appointing Authority: False



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Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

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Cover Letter	application/pdf	
Resume	application/pdf	

Additional Documents (.doc, .docx, .pdf, .txt)

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Part IV: Optional Statistical Information

Race and Natural Origin: American Indian or Alaska Native

Political Party: Democratic-Farm-Labor

Age: 58

Gender: Male

Disability: No Answer

Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin: No

Part V: Signature

Signature: Robert Lilligren

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January 4, 2019

TO: Governor-elect Tim Walz and Lt. Governor-elect Peggy Flanagan
From: Robert Lilligren

Subject: Request for consideration for appointment to the position of Metropolitan Council District 7 Representative.

Dear Governor-elect Walz and Lt. Governor-elect Flanagan:

I ask for your consideration for the position Metropolitan Council District 7 Representative. I am an experienced policy maker with a history of balancing local and regional needs in decision-making. I have a reputation for fair and effective governance on regionally significant projects like; the I-35W Transit & Access Project, Southwest LRT, and on the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) - including as the TAB representative on the Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee.

I believe my long participation in government and involvement in local, regional, statewide and national issues prepares me for this appointment. From the beginning, my service in the public sector has included leadership roles. My twelve years as Vice President of the Minneapolis City Council taught me the importance of having diverse voices at the table. During that time I held a wide range of committee chair and other leadership positions. I understand the roles of policy makers, and how to engage with the departmental leadership of large public institutions.

I seek to invest my experience and energy in the work of the Metropolitan Council. For over 30 years I have built positive relationships across the region at all levels of community, including within government and grassroots organizations as well as with advocacy, issue and political campaigns. I believe the quality of my work reflects the quality of my relationships. I seek to put my experience in the leadership roles I've held and the broad diversity of relationships I've cultivated, to work in service of our region.

My work as an activist, politician, consultant and nonprofit manager has been based on my belief that we have our best successes when we engage collectively with a broad range of stakeholders. It is a core value of mine to honor all perspectives. More and more, I understand the importance of integrating our Indigenous values and perspectives in our community development efforts.

I am a skilled meeting facilitator and consensus builder. I am comfortable exercising leadership in formal, protocol driven processes as well within more rambunctious, passionate group dynamics. My methods are values- and interest-based: inclusive, respectful and effective. Empowering and mentoring others is also very important to me. My work emphasizes organizational strength and institutional improvement.

I have been trained in managing adaptive change and group dynamics at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard through their Program for Senior Executives, and in continuing studies there. In three decades I have been an active member of the boards of more than two-dozen nonprofit organizations.

I hope to engage my rich local, regional, and national networks in support of the Metropolitan Council's work. As a citizen of the White Earth Nation and a member of LGBTQ community I also bring a unique voice from the intersections of many perspectives.

It would be an honor to serve the region as a member of the Metropolitan Council. I have broad support for this appointment across the region and across sectors, including the support of Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Objective

To invest my experience reforming public sector systems at the regional governance level with the goal of increasing equity by directly engaging those most impacted by policies and investments in the decision-making process

Profile

- Proven public policy leader and community development visionary with demonstrated success in attracting investments that reflect the views and values of indigenous communities.
- Two decades of experience working in and with local, state, federal and tribal governments to move systems forward by engaging people where they live and work and through nurturing leadership within communities of color.
- Relationship builder and community connector with demonstrated success catalyzing diverse public and private sector partnerships to benefit indigenous communities and Native organizations both locally and nationally.

Skill Summary

- Strategic Planning
- Policy Development
- Advocacy
- Communications
- Authentic Community Engagement
- Public Speaking
- Public Sector Engagement

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Professional Experience

Native American Community Development Institute — May 2016 to Present

Leading an asset-based community development intermediary to catalyze action toward the future Native American people envision.

- Responsible for executive functions of a dynamic and high profile nonprofit organization
- Engage community at all levels in systems change
- Act as intermediary to connect efforts toward a more equitable regional economy
- Be a voice for indigenous and POC communities in the regional policy discussion

Little Earth of United Tribes, Interim President and CEO — October 2014 to April 2016

Oversaw the day to day business of Little Earth of United Tribes and its three 501(c)3 corporations and two subsidiary LLC's.

- Led a diverse management team in a broad spectrum of program areas
- Managed external relationships with funders, peer organizations and government bodies.
- Responsible for a combined \$5 million annual budget.
- Launched first social enterprise initiative (Tatanka Truck)

- Oversaw successful negotiations with federal and state partners to secure \$4.8 million for the Phase VI housing renovation and rehabilitation plan.

Minneapolis City Council Member — November 2001 to January 2014; Council Vice President January 2002 to January 2014

Executive Officer of a municipal corporation with a \$1.3 billion annual operating budget.

- Represented 32,000 diverse constituents on wide range of issues at local, regional, state, and national levels.
- Provided policy direction to City departments and divisions.
- Served as Secretary of the Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA).
- 12-Year Member and Officer of the regional Transportation Advisory Board
- Led housing and business development with emphasis on communities of color
- Led reform efforts, including the Community Engagement Task Force (2007); the Civilian Review Workgroup (2006); the NRP Workgroup (2011-2012)

Housing Developer, General Contractor and Principal — Since 1990

Co-owner of 25 housing units in the Phillips neighborhood.

- Directly addressed need for housing revitalization and increased community safety by acquiring and renovating properties in the Phillips neighborhood, all on the block where I resided for over 33 years
- Self-employed general contractor for over \$1.5M in renovations including two house moves resulting in the creation of six discrete housing units.
- Provided all aspects of property management including; project management, financing, tenant relations, maintenance, permitting and licensing, compliance, and budgeting

Education and Professional Development

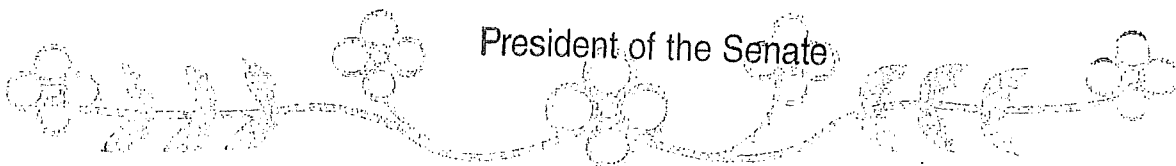
- Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University: Two-time participant in leadership development programs: Program for Senior Executives in Local Government (2002) and Negotiation Skills: Strategies for Increased Effectiveness (2004)
- National League of Cities University: Ongoing enrollment in professional development coursework during my tenure on the Minneapolis City Council focused on four proficiency areas: Leadership, Management, Engagement and Expertise
- Macalester College: Adult Scholars Program. Liberal arts curriculum including Music, English and Education. 1990-1993.
- University of Minnesota General education curriculum including courses in Music and French. 1987-1990.

References on request

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Statement of economic interest for a public official

Official: Lilligren, Robert

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Statement last updated: 10/9/2019

Occupation: CEO Native American Community Development Institute
Employer: Native American Community Development Institute
1414 E Franklin Ave
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Positions held

Agency	Position held	Appointment date	Appointment ends	Appointment authority
Metropolitan Council (/reports-and-data/officials-financial-disclosure/agency/40200000/)	Member - District 7	3/4/2019	1/2/2023	Governor

Sources of income

Name of source	Relationship to source							
	Director	Officer	Owner	Member	Partner	Employer	Employee	Honorarium
Metropolitan Council				✓				
Native American Community Development Institute							✓	

Business or professional activity categories

None reported

Securities

None reported

Real property

County Address or section information Owner Mortgagee Contract for deed Option to buy \$2500 rule

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Hennepin 2904 3rd Avenue South ✓

Hennepin 2929 3rd Avenue South ✓



Pari-mutuel horse racing interests

None reported