



To: Minneapolis City Council Members  
From: Movement Center for Deep Democracy  
Re: Roof Depot Acquisition

We encourage you to vote NO on the staff recommendation to move forward with negotiations for a purchase agreement on the Roof Depot site. The City has an obligation to environmentally overburdened communities to take every conceivable precaution to NOT add to the burden.

Phillips residents and allies across the city believe in a future of Minneapolis that demonstrates equity, inclusion AND ecological integrity. This decisions DOES NOT move us in that direction, therefore it MUST be rejected.

It seems the City, in this case is facilitating the path of least effort – and attempting to address important water distribution and management issues without due consideration to the context in which to appropriately consider such an important decision.

In the 1980s and early 1990s, this same neighborhood pulled together to prevent the siting of a garbage transfer station. Winning that fight was good for the neighborhood and good for the city. It resulted in the development of the Green Institute Eco-Industrial Park, which has now become the Midtown Greenway Bldg.

The community is united in opposition to this and in honor of the Blueprint for Equity and the One Minneapolis goal there is no acceptable reason to cram this decision down the throat of the community. Please reconsider.

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The community has been working on a better use for this site, and we think it is most prudent for the City to listen to and respect both the united voice and the vision of the community.

The best water management system the city can create must be one that includes all of its constituents in having their say in both the siting and the shared responsibility for our water quality. We stand committed to water quality, and to environmental justice. Please stand with us and vote no on the Roof Depot proposal.

We live in a time of complexity, in which it may seem prudent to rush past the concerns of aggrieved constituents to address other substantive urgencies. Remember the commitments you have made in your strategic plan about racial equity and inclusion. It is to these commitments we hold you to be accountable and decide with the community, NOT against.

Sincerely

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