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Council Member LaTrisha Vetaw
Chair, Public Health and Safety Committee
Minneapolis City Council
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Subject: Letter for Record regarding Barret Lane

Good morning,

I urge continuation of Barret Lane as the Emergency Management Director for the City of Minneapolis. Barret has earned my trust and respect for his passion for the emergency management mission, his ability to work with others to find common cause, and his attention to organizational and systemic improvement. He is a steadfast advocate of effective and coordinated disaster planning, training, and response using the disaster-proven National Incident Management System.

The relationship between the Minneapolis and Hennepin County Emergency Management Departments is vital. Barret's willingness to work together to find ways to better integrate and coordinate our emergency plans and operations is an important element of our collective readiness. The importance of this interjurisdictional coordination cannot be overstated.

Please contact me at eric.waage@hennepin.us or 612 596-8714 with any questions.

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Council Member LaTrisha Vetaw
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June 16, 2022

Dear Chair Vetaw

I write today in support of Mayor Frey's nomination for the re-appointment of Mr. Barret Lane to the position of Director of the Minneapolis Office of Emergency Management (OEM). I ask that you and the rest of the committee work quickly to ratify Mr. Lane's reappointment.

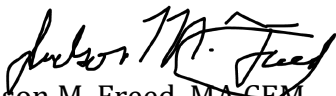
I serve as the Director for Ramsey County, and as the current Chair of the Twin Cities Urban Area Security Initiative (TC UASI). As a colleague and fellow professional, I can attest that Barret represents the City of Minneapolis well, is a consummate professional, and a knowledgeable and skilled practitioner who is well-respected by the state's Emergency Managers. His tireless work on behalf of the residents and the government of your city is equaled only by his willingness to work collaboratively with the rest of the Twin Cities emergency management agencies to coordinate prevention, preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation.

The active participation of Minneapolis OEM since Mr. Lane's accession to the position of Director has benefited the residents of Minneapolis – and his partnership has been critical to the overall effort to build community resilience. This activity has been most prominent during these past few years of critical situations, social upheaval, and catastrophic impact from pandemic and the social issues facing all of us in the Twin Cities.

Barret is a calm, respected, and organized voice in the region. As a partner and colleague, I hope that the city will act swiftly to re-confirm him in his critical role.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and considering my comments and request. I am taking the liberty of sending this to you via email to reduce the delay that might be introduced by sending through the mails.

Sincerely,



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Director

Cc: Peggy Menshek, Committee Clerk



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June 22, 2022

Council Member LaTrisha Vetaw
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Dear Councilmember Vetaw:

I strongly support the reappointment of Barret Lane to the position of Director of Emergency Management for the City of Minneapolis. Barret's stewardship of the Minneapolis Emergency Management Program has increased the resiliency of Minneapolis across the prevent, prepare, respond, recover and mitigate spectrum. Barret's ability to build trust and relationships with interagency partners has increased the preparedness across the seven county Twin Cities Region. His commitment to his profession is evident whether serving the citizens of Minneapolis, coordinating emergency response or giving back to greater Minnesota while remaining an active member the Association of Minnesota Emergency Managers. Barret Lane's professional competence, vast experience and unmatched commitment will clearly continue to serve the Minneapolis citizens well into the future.

Sincerely,

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