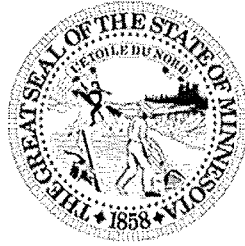


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Governor Tim Walz

President of the Senate

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Robert Lilligren

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

District 6 Representative

Metropolitan Council

Effective: July 3, 2023

Expires: January 4, 2027

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

Signed and sealed June 27, 2023.



Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

Tim Walz
Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

Steve Simon
Secretary of State

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Office of the Minnesota

Secretary of State, Steve Simon

Replacing: John Pacheco Jr.

Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Metropolitan Council
Position: District 6 Rep.

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Robert Lilligren
Phone:
County: Hennepin
In House District: 62A
State House District: 5
Recommended by the Appointing Authority: False

Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

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Cover Letter	application/pdf
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Additional Documents (.doc, .docx, .pdf, .txt)

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Part V: Signature

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Professional Profile

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Proven public policy leader and community development visionary with demonstrated success in attracting investments that reflect the views and values of indigenous and other communities.

Two decades of experience working in and with local, state, federal and tribal governments to improve social, governmental and economic systems by engaging people where they live and work and through nurturing leadership within communities.

Relationship builder and community connector with demonstrated success catalyzing diverse public and private sector partnerships to benefit indigenous communities, core city communities, and regional partners.

Skill Summary

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

Professional Experience

Native American Community Development Institute, CEO, 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, high profile, and growing nonprofit organization
- Engage community at all levels in systems change
- Act as intermediary to connect efforts toward a more equitable regional economy
- Amplifying the voice of indigenous and POC communities in the regional policy discussion

Metropolitan Council Member, 2018 to Present

- District representative on the Twin Cities regional governmental body, appointed by the MN Governor, responsible for regional systems like transit, wastewater management, housing, parks, and regional planning
- Chair of the Community Development Committee that addresses issues involving development and implementation of Thrive MSP 2040, Metro HRA operations, state Livable Communities Act grants, regional park plans and other awarding other grant funds

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

- Oversaw the day to day operations of Little Earth of United Tribes, a HUD project-based Section 8 housing project, and its three 501(c)3 corporations and two subsidiary LLC's with a combined budget of \$6 million
- Led a diverse management team in a broad spectrum of program areas

- Managed external relationships with funders, peer organizations and government bodies
- Launched first social enterprise initiative; Sean Sherman's ("The Sioux Chef) Tatanka Truck, a successful food truck
- Oversaw negotiations with federal and state partners to secure \$4.8 million for the Phase VI housing renovation and rehabilitation plan.

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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 a wide range of issues at local, regional, state, and national levels
- Provided policy direction to City departments and divisions
- Served 12 years as Secretary of the Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA).
- 12-Year Member and Officer of the regional Transportation Advisory Board responsible for allocating nearly \$200 million federal transportation dollars biannually
- Led housing and business development with emphasis on communities of color
- Led reform efforts, including the Community Engagement Task Force (2007); the Civilian Lead system wide reforms in the city regulatory, community engagement, civilian review of police, governance and other areas

Housing Developer, General Contractor and Principal — Since 1990 Co-owner of 25 housing units in the Phillips neighborhood of Minneapolis.

- 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 36 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

Other Community Work

Meet Minneapolis Convention and Visitors Association (Vice Chair); Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors (Former Chair); Capital Campaigns for the Minneapolis American Indian Center, Native American Community Clinic, Indigenous Peoples Task Force, and others

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)

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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 College of Liberal Arts: General education curriculum including courses in Music and French. 1978-1982.

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NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

June 12, 2023

To: Governor Tim Walz

From: Robert Lilligren

Subject: Appointment to the Metropolitan Council District 6 Seat

Dear Governor Walz;

I am applying for appointment to the Metropolitan Council District 6 seat. For over four years as the District 7 representative, I have done my best to serve the region, and my district. I have leaned into the role of Met Council Member. Aside from chairing the Community Development Committee and my other formal appointments, I have stepped up to serve on a number of supplementary committees, advisory groups and workgroups.

When I first sought appointment to the Met Council, my objective was to invest my experience working directly in communities and in the public sector to the service of the regional government, with an emphasis on increasing equity within the organization and the broader region. I feel that we have shown progress toward that objective.

I have pursued many opportunities to bring my experience and expertise to a high level of involvement in regional governance. I have voluntarily taken on several extra internal appointments. I am a member of the housing policy workgroup, the transit policy workgroup, the leadership group, and the ad hoc public safety workgroup that provided policy recommendations to improve policing in the Metro Transit Police Department, as well as serving on a number of project and corridor advisory boards.

I hold a number of other leadership positions in my communities. I am an officer of Meet Minneapolis, our city's convention and visitors association, and an officer of the Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors. In my job at the Native American Community Development Institute, I work in asset-based community development throughout the region. Recently I have served on a number of workgroups and task forces for the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, and the region tackling issues like post-covid/post-civil unrest economic investment, truth & reconciliation, and unsheltered homelessness. I feel my Met Council work complements these other roles.

I am very proud of my work on the Metropolitan Council, and proud to be the first - and so far only - Native American Tribal citizen to serve on the Council. Thank you for your consideration of my reappointment.

Yours,
Robert Lilligren
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