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Council Member Jamison Whiting Letter of Support for the Reappointment of Rachel Sayre as the Director of the Emergency Management Department

I, Jamison Whiting, Minneapolis City Council Member for the Eleventh Ward, proudly support the reappointment of Rachel Sayre as the Director of the Emergency Management Department.

Since October 2024, Director Sayre has ushered Minneapolis through some of its most traumatic incidents. From the Annunciation School tragedy to the federal occupation and Operation Metro Surge, Director Sayre has steadily led Minneapolis through the storm. The constant coordination, communication, and response efforts in partnership with other City, County, and State departments, as well as private and non-governmental organizations, have placed Minneapolis in a position of strength. Her leadership has consistently put the needs of Minneapolitans at the forefront of how we prepare for, recover from, and communicate during emergencies. During Operation Metro Surge, Director Sayre oversaw the 24/7 Emergency Management Operations Center, where she coordinated efforts to communicate with residents and connect people with resources such as food, rental assistance, and other basic needs.

Director Sayre has served the public interest for her entire career, bringing a wealth of experience to the City. She has a strong background in international humanitarian response in conflict zones such as Yemen, Haiti, Syria, Iraq, and Ukraine, and has led international risk reduction efforts in disaster zones for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

As our City recovers from Operation Metro Surge, I trust that Director Sayre will continue to lead with the same stability, competence, and compassion that she has brought to her service for the City of Minneapolis. I look forward to working with her on behalf of Ward 11 and Minneapolis residents.

Sincerely,

Jamison Whiting, Ward 11 City Council Member