

By Benson and Hodges

In support of 2008 Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment to the Minnesota State Constitution.

Whereas, Minneapolis is known as the City of Lakes; and

Whereas, the Sustainability Indicators adopted by the City of Minneapolis acknowledge the need of clean water for drinking, fishing, swimming, for the benefit of ourselves, our children and future generations; and

Whereas, funding for water, parks, and wildlife habitat remains near historic lows, and we are losing access for swimming, fishing, and wildlife watching; and

Whereas, there is tremendous growth in Minnesota: over 1 million acres of wooded lands, natural areas and farmland are projected to be lost over the next 25 years, as Minnesota continues growing faster than any other state in the Midwest; and

Whereas, the proposed measure will also help to fight global warming by protecting forests and grasslands in Minnesota; and

Whereas, Minneapolis has a long and proud tradition of arts and cultural resources; and

Whereas, arts and cultural education are critical not only to our children's future but also to our state's economic well-being as Minnesota's largest employers have had great success in recruiting and retaining executives to our state because of our way of life: a strong arts community, a civic-minded population, and a rich tradition of arts and cultural resources;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City of Minneapolis does hereby affirm, endorse and encourage citizen passage of the 2008 Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment on the November 4th state ballot.