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From: James Korthals [mailto:jimkorthals@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2016 8:18 AM
To: Council <Council@duluthmn.gov>
Subject: Vote Against Evidentiary Hearing Resolution for PolyMet

Dear Councilors,

As a Duluth resident, I'm extremely passionate about our community and ensuring the beauty and health of the streams and tributaries that supply fresh water to Lake Superior be maintained for not only this generation but for many more to come including that of my children and their children as they follow their dreams of being a part of this community.

However, I also know that in order for all to accomplish this, we need to provide good jobs and economic opportunities for our these future generations to remain in the area.

PolyMet is one of the many chances we as residents of the State of Minnesota may have to do just that.

I know that certain citizens groups are asking the Duluth City Council to adopt a resolution asking the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to hold an evidentiary hearing before deciding on PolyMet's application for a permit to mine.

We the citizens of the State of Minnesota have entrusted this permitting process to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Through this departments strong environmental review and permitting process and established regulatory systems which include the opportunity for public review, input and comment, we can ensure that PolyMet can meet the standards set in place by our governmental agencies that take the lead in the permitting process.

We should rely on these established processes to bring economic change and prosperity to our community.

I urge you to vote against this resolution and protect the established process for permitting of mining operations within the State which have proven to be extremely successful.

Thank you for your dedication, time and attention to matters such as this.

Should you have any questions or if I may be of assistance, please feel free to contact me at anytime.

Sincerely

James Korthals