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Subject: FW: Reject OAH Evidentiary Hearing Resolution - PolyMet

From: Kt Ferg [mailto:knosugref@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2016 4:12 PM
To: Council <Council@duluthmn.gov>
Subject: Reject OAH Evidentiary Hearing Resolution - PolyMet

Dear Councilors,

As a Duluth resident, 4th District, I urge the City Council to reject the 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. It is not the role of the Duluth City Council to tell the state agencies how to do their work. Financial assurances have been addressed, and the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) has already been approved by the MN DNR. The MN DNR process has been very effective to date and allowed the public many opportunities for meaningful input.

I'm passionate about our community and ensuring the beauty of Lake Superior is maintained for generations. However, I also know that in order to do this, we need to provide jobs and economic opportunity for our children and their children's children. PolyMet is one of the many chances we have to do just that. Through strong environmental review and permitting process and established regulatory systems that include the opportunity for public review and input, we can ensure that PolyMet can meet the standards set in place by our government. We should rely on the established processes to bring economic change and prosperity to our community.

I urge you to vote against this resolution and protect our established process.

Thank you,
Kathryn Ferguson
Lincoln Park Home Owner