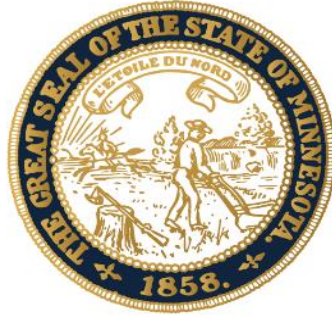


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Co-Chairs Sen. Housley and Rep. Fischer,

In the last 18 months since the Legislative Commission on Housing Affordability met in its one and only meeting, we have seen that having a safe and affordable place to call home is critically important. We have also seen the State's housing problems grow as the issues of affordability and access, faced by a growing number of Minnesotans remain largely unaddressed.

The *Star Tribune* article released today highlights the need for the Commission to meet and to dig into the housing issue. If you have not yet read the article, "How Twin Cities Housing Rules Keep the Metro Segregated": <https://www.startribune.com/how-twin-cities-housing-rules-keep-the-metro-segregated/600081529/>, I suggest you do.

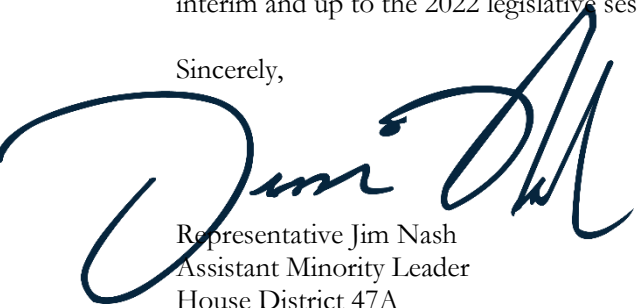
As a former mayor, you will find no greater champion of growing cities at the Capitol than myself. This article, however, provides a sobering assessment the adverse impacts to housing affordability and access caused by current housing policies at the local level.

Last session, Sen. Draheim attempted to include elements of zoning reform in the Housing Omnibus Bill, but the provision failed to reach the Governor's desk. Rep. Elkins has been working on his own legislation as well. These along with my own efforts of bills introduced and amendments offered are more pressing than ever before, and I ask you respectfully to act quickly and convene our committee during the interim.

These policy provisions provide us a great starting point for the discussion.

I respectfully request the Commission meet again soon and establish a consistent meeting schedule in the interim and up to the 2022 legislative session.

Sincerely,

  
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