



March 30, 2023

Rep. Fue Lee
Sen. Sandy Pappas

Dear Chair Lee and Chair Pappas,

It is our privilege to write to you **in support of Tending the Soil's Rise Up Center** – this is a project that the Lake Street corridor and the Twin Cities needs now more than ever.

We support the Rise Up Center because it will mark our city and nation's dedication to solving problems of workplace and wealth disparities faced by Black, Indigenous and People of Color and immigrant workers. **The Rise Up Center is of vital importance** because it will provide worker-designed apprenticeship programs that create onramps to good jobs and stable careers that benefit individual workers as well as the market's demand for skilled labor.

In addition, we firmly believe that the Rise Up Center's purpose of being the only training center, housing complex, retail venue for burgeoning entrepreneurs, and office for nonprofit leaders making a difference **will contribute to community healing and long-term economic prosperity** after the pandemic and uprising of 2020. We all are aware that the Lake Street corridor bears the scars of intentional, generational, economic divestment. Tending the Soil and the Rise Up Center are strategically positioned to leverage workers as assets and begin addressing these disparities.

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We are pleased to give this project our highest recommendation. We support the Rise Up Center and we encourage you and thank you for all your diligent and hard work in representing the best interests of our Minneapolis communities.

Thank you,

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Today UNITE HERE Local 17, Minnesota's Hospitality Union offers its support of HF 3077/SF 3014. The considered appropriation for the Rise Up Center will contribute greatly to the planning and execution of a multi-purpose facility that will provide opportunities for much needed workforce training, housing, and gathering spaces in the City of Minneapolis. All aspects of the Rise Up Center, the facility and programming, are meant to be grounded in the community it aspires to serve.

We also greatly appreciate the support and work of Sen. Dibble and Rep. Frank Hornstein on this important legislation.

In solidarity,



Wade Luneburg, Political Director

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Honorable Fue Lee
Minnesota House of Representatives
485 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Lee and Members,

I write to you in strong support of House File 3077, which appropriates funding for Tending the Soil's Rise Up Center.

SEIU – Local 26 supports the Rise Up Center because it will serve as an integral resource in addressing historic workplace and wealth disparities faced by Black, Indigenous and People of Color and immigrant workers. The Rise Up Center will provide worker-designed apprenticeship programs that create onramps to good jobs and stable careers that benefit individual workers as well as the market's demand for skilled labor.

In addition, our local strongly believes that the Rise Up Center's purpose of being the only training center, housing complex, retail venue for burgeoning entrepreneurs, and office for nonprofit leaders deeply rooted in community contribute to long-term economic prosperity after the pandemic and uprising of 2020.

It is our joy and honor to be among the first voices rising in support of the Rise Up Center and I urge your support for House File 3077.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Nammacher", written over a horizontal line.

Greg Nammacher
President
SEIU – Local 26

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The Honorable Fue Lee
United State House of Representatives
485 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Rep. Lee,

It is our privilege to write to you **in support of Tending the Soil's Rise Up Center** proposal for the Fiscal Year 2024 Community Project Funding Request.

We support the Rise Up Center because it will mark our city and nation's dedication to solving problems of workplace and wealth disparities faced by Black, Indigenous and People of Color and immigrant workers. **The Rise Up Center is of vital importance** because it will provide worker-designed apprenticeship programs that create onramps to good jobs and stable careers that benefit individual workers as well as the market's demand for skilled labor.

In addition, we firmly believe that the Rise Up Center's purpose of being the only training center, housing complex, retail venue for burgeoning entrepreneurs, and office for nonprofit leaders making a difference **will contribute to community healing and long-term economic prosperity** after the pandemic and uprising of 2020. We learned then that the Lake Street corridor bears the scars of intentional, generational, economic divestment. Tending the Soil and the Rise Up Center are strategically positioned to leverage workers as assets and begin addressing these disparities.

It is our joy and honor to be among the first voices rising in support of the Rise Up Center and we encourage you and thank you for all your diligent and hard work in representing the best interests of our Minneapolis communities.

Thank you,



Doran Schrantz
ISAIAH Executive Director