

Cannon Valley Friends Meeting
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Dear Mayor Pownell and City Councilors,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Cannon Valley Friends Meeting to inform the Mayor and the members of the City Council of Northfield that Cannon Valley Friends Meeting encourages the City of Northfield to take the steps necessary to implement a Municipal ID program and make it available to all residents of Northfield.

As a faith community, Cannon Valley Friends Meeting has come to unity in support of making Municipal IDs available to all residents of Northfield. On July 9th, 2017, Cannon Valley Friends Meeting recorded the following in our official records: "The sense of the Meeting is that we support the City of Northfield in providing Municipal IDs for city residents and we approve being listed as endorsing the establishment of a Municipal ID program in Northfield."

As part of The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Cannon Valley Friends Meeting is affiliated with Northern Yearly Meeting regionally and Friends General Conference nationally. We believe that all people are equal in the eyes of God. A Municipal ID would be a civic statement that all those who reside in Northfield are equal and their community participation is valued.

A Municipal ID would be useful to a range of people for a variety of purposes. It would provide local identification for foreign students living here, attending one of the colleges or the high school. It would offer ID for those who do not have a Minnesota driver's license or ID, due to their choice, age, physical challenges, or lack of eligibility. It could be used for business transactions or for community activities.

Everyone who lives in Northfield should feel valued and respected as a full and equal community member. A Municipal ID would be a powerful way to reduce barriers to community participation and to signify appreciation for everyone's presence here.

Sincerely,



Linne Jensen, Clerk
Cannon Valley Friends Meeting