

To Whom It May Concern:

As an At Large Duluth City Councilor, focused on racial justice and equity, I, Azrin Awal, am proud to support Driver's Licenses for All (H.F. 4/S.F. 27), which is critical to bring equity to the Northland and restoring driver's licenses for all will benefit all Minnesotans. In particular, it makes life safer for our immigrant neighbors and friends.

As an immigrant myself, I understand the importance of having access to resources especially for ones that need photo identification. Allowing immigrants to obtain licenses regardless of immigration status would grant greater ability to enforce laws in immigrant communities. Allowing them access to a license, a way to drive legally, and a way to identify themselves to law enforcement would increase trust between immigrant communities and law enforcement, leading to greater collaboration and cooperation. Immigrants with access to driver's licenses can help their citizen children go to school, to the doctor, and to activities and employment, building stronger families and communities for all.

Moreover, restoring driver's licenses for all is critical to Duluth residents, this would allow folks to get access services in Duluth and greater Minnesota and make our roads safer for all residents.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at [aawal@duluthmn.gov](mailto:aawal@duluthmn.gov) and 218-940-7701.

Respectfully submitted,

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