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Superintendent Bangoura & Park Board Commissioners,

We are reaching out as Council Members representing our Wards and the constituents who enjoy and use the 185 park properties across the City of Minneapolis. We appreciate your commitment to our parks and recreation system and the people of Minneapolis.

We know that we have the best parks in the nation and if we are going to hold that acclaim with pride we must treat our workers the best that we possibly can. The recent storms that led to downed wires and fallen trees showed how critical our park workers are to maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all residents of the City of Minneapolis. Many Council Members have received outreach from our shared constituents to call on the Park Board leadership to negotiate a fair contract for the Park workers who do the critical work we all count on.

We are disappointed to see Park Board leadership once again leave the table. Therefore, we respectfully ask you to communicate to your leadership that you go back to the table, negotiate a fair contract, and end the strike.

We respectfully request that you consider these key provisions of a fair contract:

- Fair pay for Park Workers
- Maintaining guaranteed step increases for Park workers
- Maintaining the level of union stewards for Park workers

According to Superintendent Bangoura, "This strike is about wages and compensation". Now that the workers have agreed to the Park Board's wage offer, our hope is that you would communicate to your leadership: go back to the negotiating table, stop pushing anti-worker language, and end the strike.

Thank you for your consideration and work on behalf of our City. We know that this process is not easy and hope you reach a resolution that will support the park workers and end the strike to the benefit of the residents we all serve.

All the Best,

Council President Elliott Payne – Ward 1  
Council Vice President Aisha Chughtai- Ward 10  
Council Member Aurin Chowdhury, Intergovernmental Relations Chair- Ward 12  
Council Member Robin Wonsley, Ward 2  
Council Member Jeremiah Ellison, Ward 5  
Council Member Katie Cashman, Ward 7  
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