

Re: Business Journal Article - Nick Halter

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Michael:

Thank you for this note and yes, I will tonight clear the record and Shane from my Communications team will also make connections.

Shawntera

Shawntera Hardy | Commissioner

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On Sep 8, 2017, at 5:03 PM, Michael Langley <Michael.Langley@greaterminneapolis.org> wrote:

Commissioner Hardy,

You may have already seen the Nick Halter article titled "Minnesota Amazon Bid will be Secret".

That is obviously not what you said, but what they decided to print to attract attention. I know that you meant our final submission to the company will not be shared publicly, as that would give every other state and region in North America a competitive advantage over us in further discussions with the company. Nick and his editor haven't thought that through.

If you are still thinking about your remarks on MPR, it would be awesome to correct the record.

Together, as you have indicated, we will be conducting an open and transparent process in the region to ascertain all potential site and approaches that will meet the company's requirements. Every community has an equal opportunity to submit a solution. In fact, the greater variety of creative solutions that our great communities develop, the stronger our response to the company will be.

Thank you for your leadership and partnership.

Best,

