



Dear OSHA Office:

I am writing to inform you of alleged OSHA violations at 501 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa which were brought to the attention of the City of Cedar Rapids on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We are following up today to ensure the information has been properly submitted to OSHA for review. Typically, the City refers those with firsthand knowledge of the complaint to submit the information to OSHA directly. However, due to the thorough explanation and photos submitted to the City of Cedar Rapids, we felt it was important to take an additional step and provide the information directly to your office. Please note, the City has not been on site and has not seen any of the violations firsthand. We do feel it is important to submit this information for review as soon as time allows to ensure the site is operating in accordance with best safety practices.

Attached you will find complaints submitted to the City from County Attorney Nick Maybanks and Representative Sami Scheetz.

For more information please contact Amanda Grieder at [a.grieder@cedar-rapids.org](mailto:a.grieder@cedar-rapids.org) or 319-573-0151.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Amanda Grieder

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amanda Grieder".

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On Apr 16, 2023, at 6:22 PM, Maybanks, Nick <[Nick.Maybanks@linncountyiowa.gov](mailto:Nick.Maybanks@linncountyiowa.gov)> wrote:

Good Evening, Jeff:

As you likely know now, I was present at Banjo Block on Friday, along with Rep. Scheetz and others. After the visit, I sent an email to Carpenters Local reps to begin the process of collecting information and strategizing how to investigate violations of Iowa and federal law on the site. Obviously, I learned that the City officials, including yourself, were notified by Rep. Scheetz. The CRPD has also been notified. I noted that the City does intend to investigate the site and/or determine the proper authorities to get involved.

Before there are multiple parallel investigations being undertaken, I wanted to see what steps the City has taken and plans to take so our office can assist your efforts and not duplicate them. We are interested in working together with the City. I also want to bring in county departments with an interest in this investigation.

I am always available by email or cell (319.631.2117) and will be in the office tomorrow if you'd like to talk. I hope to talk soon.

Best Regards,

Nick

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Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 1:23 PM

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Subject: Banjo Block

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Jeff,

This morning, I had a tour of the Banjo Block construction site, which is located in my legislative district. During our tour of the site, we came across a number of potential safety violations.

The most egregious of the potential violations was a worker on the job site who was clearly too young to be working on a construction site. When a Spanish-speaking member of our tour asked the boy how old he was, a supervisor on the site instructed him (in Spanish) to tell us that he was 18. In a later conversation with the assistant supervisor of the project, he could not definitively tell me that all of the workers on the project were old enough to be working on the site.

As you know, TWG Development will receive \$6.5 million in tax incentives from the City of Cedar Rapids to complete this project. Since our taxpayer dollars are being used with this developer, I hope that the City of Cedar Rapids will investigate whether all safety protocols are being met on the aforementioned job site.

I'm attaching a link to a Google Drive with all the photos/videos I took from this morning's tour:

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Additionally, I've attached a the photo of the child who was on the worksite this morning.

Please reach out to me directly if you would like to discuss this further.

Best regards,

Sami Scheetz  
State Representative

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