Since 1967 regional governance in MN, has become part of MN's political structure. This regional governance (RDC) has authority outside of a representative body. While this body of government is legislative and has no electability, they have influence over planning, transportation and economic development. Taxation without representation.

The Republicans created this fourth branch of government in 1967 under Governor Harold LeVander, and the Democrats co-opted it with a partnership of foundations and businesses making it into a private/ public partnership. Hence, regional governance.

Every county in MN is now regional and your elected officials are just a rubber stamp for a non-representative body. Put in the mix of HUD and AFFH, and this spells the end of representative government.

Minnesota was the first pilot case for regional development in 1969. In 1967, a small group of executive directors had established an economic development in St Paul. In 1979, headquarters were moved Washington DC. At this time, a network of 350 regional bodies had been created. It was called NADO (National Association Development Organization).

This is the dream of Minnesota's infamous Communist, Gus Hall, General Secretary of the Communist Party USA (CPUSA).

Regardless of such seemingly insurmountable issues, grassroots is the catalyst to bring back a representative government, by the people and for the people.

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