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Dear Neighborhood Leader,

One of the organizational elements included in the Framework for the Future adopted by the Minneapolis City Council was establishing a new Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission. This new 16 member resident commission will have 7 members selected by the City Council, 1 member appointed by the Park Board and 8 members selected by neighborhood organizations. The process for selecting the neighborhood representatives has been intentionally left up to the neighborhoods.

To facilitate the development of a process for selecting the 8 neighborhood representatives, the NRP Policy Board adopted a resolution at its November 24th meeting authorizing NRP staff to invite representatives from each of the neighborhood organizations to a meeting to discuss the process that they would like to use to select their representatives. NRP will be convening this meeting but this is not an NRP meeting. It is your opportunity to begin the discussion about selecting representatives to the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission. There will be a third party facilitator for the meeting and any decisions made will be up to the representatives of the neighborhoods that attend.

To ensure that the selection process developed from this meeting has the support of the neighborhood organizations, we are asking that you take three actions:

**1. Adopt a formal resolution of support and participation by your organization:**

“The (Name of Your Organization) accepts the invitation to participate in the process development meeting for selecting representatives to the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission and will send at least one representative from our organization to this session meeting.”

**2. Discuss ideas that your members may have for selecting the neighborhood representatives to the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission and what factors should be used to determine how these representatives should be chosen.** If your ideas are submitted to the NRP office by January 30th, they will be included in an informational packet provided to the representatives attending the February 21st meeting.

**3. Select at least one individual to represent your organization at the February 21st meeting.** Please provide the following information on each: Name, Full Mailing Address, Phone Number to Contact, Email address (if available).

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The NRP resolution stipulates that at least 60% of the neighborhood organizations must agree to participate in order to hold the meeting, scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup>. This date was selected to minimize conflicts with holidays, neighborhood meetings and to provide time for discussion at the neighborhood level. **If a neighborhood organization does not submit a resolution to the NRP office by January 30th, that organization will be considered voting negatively on holding this meeting.**