

November 5, 2007

Minneapolis City Council and Mayor R.T. Rybak  
Minneapolis City Hall  
350 South 5th Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Dear City Council Members and Mayor Rybak:

There has been much discussion in recent months regarding the civic engagement process of the city and the future of Minneapolis' Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). As participants in this internationally-recognized and highly regarded program, we are requesting you to support full funding for and continuation of this strong community engagement initiative.

Through NRP our diverse and empowered neighborhoods have created a better Minneapolis in which to live, work, learn, and play. NRP and neighborhood organizations have also helped the city accomplish its goals and objectives, particularly our shared goal of a thriving Minneapolis.

NRP and the city's neighborhood organizations have improved the quality of life for Minneapolis residents by

- Wisely investing over \$280 million in neighborhood and city improvements;
- Leveraging over \$1 billion of additional private and public investment in improving Minneapolis;
- Creating a successful and proven network of engagement with over 1000 neighborhood organization board members and countless other volunteers working on task forces, committees, specific projects, and more;
- Collaborating and working with other community improvement organizations and networks.

As our elected representatives, we ask that you

1. Fully fund NRP Phase II at \$85.5 million through 2009, as originally agreed upon; and
2. Fund NRP and neighborhood organizations at a minimum of \$10 million per year after 2009.

We thank you in advance for your time and consideration. We look forward to learning how you will be supporting this important initiative and will be contacting you to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

*Karen Brown*  
Chair, Beltrami Neighborhood Council

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